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TRAY CLASS. The class which we designate the TRAY CLASS, embrace all those who are descendants of ARTHUR VAIL: those who are found in the ORIGINAL MAP, associated with SAMUEL, MARTIN, JOHN, and THOMAS, as brothers and sisters; and all those who are daughters, whose names were given to them by their fathers. These names now stand at the head of four branches, each having a large number of descendants, and the names of these descendants are given in the list of names which follows. The names of the descendants are given in the list of names which follows. The names of the descendants are given in the list of names which follows.

VAIL RECORDS

Compiled by Alfred Vail
Morristown, N. J. 1853

We have given this undertaking for the last three or four years, and we are now enabled to give you a list of names which we have been able to discover. We have been able to discover the names of many of the descendants of ARTHUR VAIL, and we are now able to give you a list of names which we have been able to discover. We have been able to discover the names of many of the descendants of ARTHUR VAIL, and we are now able to give you a list of names which we have been able to discover.

1st ARTHUR married Martha Vail and had 1 daughter, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 4 sons, 5 daughters, 6 sons, 7 daughters, 8 sons, 9 daughters, 10 sons, and 11 daughters.

2nd THOMAS married Lydia Vail and had 1 daughter, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 4 sons, 5 daughters, 6 sons, 7 daughters, 8 sons, 9 daughters, 10 sons, and 11 daughters.

3rd MARTIN married Sarah Vail and had 1 daughter, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 4 sons, 5 daughters, 6 sons, 7 daughters, 8 sons, 9 daughters, 10 sons, and 11 daughters.

4th JOHN married Jane Vail and had 1 daughter, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 4 sons, 5 daughters, 6 sons, 7 daughters, 8 sons, 9 daughters, 10 sons, and 11 daughters.

of ARTHUR'S record, that he was married to all of the 10 daughters, except the youngest, and that he had 11 sons. His record is as follows: He married Martha Vail and had 1 daughter, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 4 sons, 5 daughters, 6 sons, 7 daughters, 8 sons, 9 daughters, 10 sons, and 11 daughters. His record is as follows: He married Martha Vail and had 1 daughter, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 4 sons, 5 daughters, 6 sons, 7 daughters, 8 sons, 9 daughters, 10 sons, and 11 daughters. His record is as follows: He married Martha Vail and had 1 daughter, 2 sons, 3 daughters, 4 sons, 5 daughters, 6 sons, 7 daughters, 8 sons, 9 daughters, 10 sons, and 11 daughters.

TROY CLASS. The class which we denominate the TROY CLASS, embraces all those who are descendants of ARTHUR VAIL: whose name may be found in the GENEALOGICAL MAP, associated with SAMUEL, MARTHA, JOHN, MARY, And THOMAS, as brothers and sisters; and had three sons and one daughter, whose names were AARON, ISAAC, SAMPSON, and ESTHER. These names now stand at the head of four branches, each having a large number of descendants, whose Genealogy and History has been our earnest endeavor to collect together and present a copy to each family interested.

We have given this undertaking much of our time for the last three or four years and yet it is not in so complete a state as will enable us to present it to you a finished collection; indeed we have only recently been able to discover the address of some of the descendants of Esther(Vail) Travis, while many of the records of the three sons' descendants have not been received. We now wish to lay before you this paper, which in a brief manner will give you some idea of what has been done and what remains to be done.

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1st AARON married Martha Ward and had 1 LUCRETIA, 2 MOSES, 3 MOSES 2nd, 4 AARON, 5 ESTHER, 6 JACOB, 7 WILLIAM, 8 ANNA, 9 SAMUEL, 10 JOSEPH, and 11 BENJAMIN C.

2nd ISAAC married Lydia Sherman and had 1 HANNAH, 2 SOLOMON, 3 JACOB, 4 WILSON, 5 ISAAC, 6 LYDIA, 7 MOSES, 8 PHEBE, 9 TIDDERMAN, and 10 GEORGE DELVIN.

3rd SAMPSON married Sarah Warren and had 1 ESTHER, 2 PHEBE, 3 SARAH, 4 HANNAH, 5 ISAAC, 6 ##### STEPHEN, 7 ELIZABETH, 8 CATHARINE, 9 AARON, 10 SAMPSON, and 11 JOHN.

4th ESTHER married John Travis and had 1 HANNAH, 2 JOHN, 3 ISAAC, 4 ABRAHAM, 5 JOSEPH, 6 JAMES, 7 ELEANOR, 8 SARAH, 9 ESTHER, 10 ELIZABETH, and 11 PHEBE.

Of AARON'S record, there is wanting answers to all of the 19 questions, except the thirteenth. Of his children, 1 Lucretia married Mr. Brown and had no issue. Their records are wanting. 2 Moses died young. 3 Moses 2nd married Phebe Holmes and answers to 8, 9 and 10th questions wanting. He had Sarah, Phebe, Martha, James, Henry, George, Thomas, Moses, and Jonathan. Their records are all complete except Thomas's. 4 Aaron; his records and his children's and grandchildren's are wanting. 5 Esther died young. 6 Jacob married Lavinia Lester and had no issue. His records are wanting. 7 William married Rhoda and had Polly, Esther, Rhoda, Anna, William, Aaron, and Henry. His records and those of his children and grandchildren are wholly wanting. 8 Anna married Solomon Frost and had Samuel, Solomon, Aaron, Henry, and Anna V. The records of this ancestor and his descendants are imperfectly finished; with a few exceptions they are wanting in the dates and places of residence, as called for by the 19 questions. We have the promise that they will be furnished. 9 Samuel

married Searcher Doughty and had Aaron, Elizabeth, Joseph, Frances and Jane. Their records are promised immediately. 10. Joseph married Mary Vail of Westchester Co. (it is not known to what family she belonged,) and had Mary, Edmond, John, Benjamin C. and Townsend M.; their records are almost entirely complete. 11 Benjamin C. married Sally Ashley and had Elizabeth, Martha and James Henry. His records are still wanting, as well as those of his children and grandchildren. This exhibits the state of the records of Aaron Vail's descendants. If there are any papers relating to his history in the possession of any of his descendants or in the possession of the meeting at Nine Partners, we will thank any one to make it known to us, or to send us a copy. If there are any items of interest comprehended or not in the 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 questions, they will be most thankfully received.

ISAAC VAIL, the second son of Arthur, is next in order. He seems to have settled and brought up his family in Dutchess County. His history and that of his children is not very full. 1. Hannah married Nathaniel Underhill and had Mary B., Isaac V., Phebe V., George V., Anna F., Lydia V., Jacob V., and Jerusha. Their records are wanting in a few items of dates. 2. Solomon married Elizabeth Brown and had Phebe, Euphemia, Solomon B., Martha, Henry and Lydia. Their records are complete except for a very few dates. 3. Jacob married - 1st, Rhoda Wing and had Johanna; married - 2nd, Abigail Scisson and had Rhoda; married - 3rd, Mary Agor; married - 4th, Wid. Olive Davis and had William; married 5th- Anna Quimby. His records and those of his children are incomplete. 4. Wilson died young. 5. Isaac married - 1st Fanny Green and had Aaron and Phebe; and married - 2nd, Jane Duel and had Anna F., Maria D., Fanny Green and Eliza. Their records are nearly complete- a few dates are wanting. 6. Lydia died young. 7. Moses married Cynthia Briggs and had Abraham C., Stephen, Ira, Peter D., Job and Mary B. The Father's, and all, except Stephen's and Abraham's records, are wanting. 8. Phebe died young. 9. Tidderman married- 1st, Sarah Hatfield and had Isaac H., Thorn, Peter H., Adea, Solomon T., Lydia A. and Denman; he married - 2nd, Lucy H. Spencer. Their records are all complete. 10. George Delwin married Martha Brown and had Araminta D., Dorinda A., Addison, Egbert, James, Mary D., and Sarah. Their records are almost complete.

SAMPSON, the third son of Arthur. Of his history we can give but little at present. He resided at Quaker Hill, Dutchess County, N. Y. We desire that any facts in relation to his life and history in the possession of his descendants may be sent to us. 1. Esther married Silas Germain. This is all we have yet learned of them or their children. We trust, if this paper should be read by any of her descendants, or others interested, who can aid us, they will not fail to do so immediately. 2. Phebe married Ormond Doty and had Sarah, Isaac, Joseph, Peter, Elias, Almira, Phebe, Ormand, Samuel and Aurilla. We have Phebe Doty's full records, and those of Isaac and Phebe Whitehorn's Ormand, Samuel, and Aurilla Stafford. The records of the other children as well as those of their children and grandchildren are wanting. 3. Sarah married

Joseph Duel, and their records and their children's and descendant's, are all wanting. 4. Hannah married - 1st Mr. Duel, and 2nd, James Titus. Their records and their children's are all wanting. 5. Isaac married ----- and went to Canada. This is all that is yet known of him or his descendants. 6. Stephen married Susan Materson and had Abel, Warren, Sarah and Susan. Their records and those of their children are wholly wanting, excepting those of Abel's son Warren. 7. Elizabeth married - 1st, Mr. Bennett and had Alden, Joseph, Stephen, Isaac and Mary; and married - 3rd, Mr. Davis. Their records and those of their children are all wanting. 8. Catherine married Mortimer Gage. Their records and those of their descendants are wanting. 9. Aaron married Mary Raleigh and had Mary Sarah, Hannah, Aaron, Austen W., Walter R., John G., George R., Charles and Edward H. The records of Sarah, Walter, John G. - wanting. 10. Sampson never married. 11. John married Freelove Colvin and had Ira, Esther, Isaac C., John W. and Orsanaus M. Their records are all complete.

ESTHER, the fourth child of Arthur Vail, settled in Dutchess County. I have not her record. 1. Hannah married William Allen and had William, Abraham, Molly, John, Isaac, Phebe, Richard, Maria, Hester and Sally. I have simply the outline of the records of some of these children; but none are complete, and but few dates are received. This ends the record of Esther Travis' children. We but recently received the first tidings of their whereabouts, and have made no progress in collecting their genealogies. We would earnestly request those who are descendants of Esther(Vail) Travis to send without delay, and without waiting for a letter from us, their family records and all other records which will be of interest to her descendants.

Our purpose is to collect, so far as we have the approbation and co-operation of each individual interested, the genealogy and record of every family, who are the descendants of Arthur Vail. We commenced the work some seven years since, with that design, and we hope to accomplish it; but our success must depend entirely upon the good will and good aid, speedily and fully rendered, by those who can and have the power, as well as the knowledge of their own and other family history and genealogical facts. When we have obtained these necessary records, and have possessed ourselves of all those facts which the parties choose to give us, to make such individual memoirs as are deemed interesting, we shall publish such genealogical records of Arthur Vail, and his descendants, in a pamphlet, and mail a copy to every person who has answered our requests, who have given us their family records, and whose full address we have.

We can furnish, to those who desire to use them, any number of our blank questions, either with the 1st page, or 1st and 2nd page. A very little time would suffice to finish the work, if each one would inform what they know of their relatives; giving me such facts as are asked for by the questions. If nothing more, they could give me the full address of such of their relatives as they can, and if I have not written to them I can do so.

We would state here to those whom it may concern(for we are often asked for information), that, to our knowledge there is no legacy, or immense estates, or property of any kind, at home or in foreign countries, descending to any of the Vails. If there is

we have not been informed.

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR VAIL.

Morristown, Morris County, N. J. November 8th, 1853

Taken from a work entitled "Memorials concerning several Ministers and others, deceased; of the society of Friends, New York: by S. Wood, 1814"

The testimony of the monthly meeting of nine

Partners, concerning Aaron Vail.

He was born in Westchester County, in the province of New York, in 1722. His parents professed with the Presbyterians, amongst whom he had his education; and being in his youth often under religious concern, he was favoured with seasons of spiritual refreshment, and as he advanced in years, his exercise increased and he frequented the meetings of different societies; but did not witness that peace of mind his soul sought after, until after the twenty seventh year of his age when he found his mind led to attend the meetings of our society, in which he found the consolation of divine love, that often broke him into tenderness, and produced longing desires for the prosperity of the truth;

About the twenty ninth year of his age, he removed to Nine Partners, with his family, and continued to be a constant attender of our meeting for divine worship, and was received a member of our society, in the year 1753; and, being careful to attend to that power which had operated in his mind, it pleased the Lord to bestow on him a gift in the Ministry. It was his lot often to pass through much tribulation and poverty of spirit; and he became qualified to divide the word aright, and was an able minister of the gospel, through the sanctifying power thereof; he was often concerned to travel in the work of the ministry, and was frequently led to labour in the discipline, that truth's judgment might not be evaded; and having an excellent gift therein, he became very serviceable in the Church.

He was likewise much engaged for the freedom of the oppressed Africans, and that Friends might be entirely clear of the gain of oppression, and be redeemed from all selfish views. He was concerned to admonish others to wait on the Lord in silence, as the only way to witness their strength renewed; and practiced the same, by calling his family to sit in retirement; thus adorning the doctrine he preached by his own example. He was courteous and affable in conversation, and much beloved by his neighborhood; a kind and loving husband, and an affectionate father. A short time before his last sickness, he was exercised in public ministry in a lively manner; saying that he thought his day's work was nearly done: and he appeared to be much concerned that Friends should dwell in the life of religion, that they might witness the ancient power to be their support, by which they would be able to stand in times of trial, as he apprehended a time would come, when every foundation would be tried.

In his illness, he was much concerned that his wife and children should live near the Lord, and know him to be their portion and the lot of their inheritance, and that his children might be preserved in love and tender affection to their mother, and one towards another. After a lingering sickness of some years, he

he departed this life, the eleventh of the eighth month, 1776, in the fifty fifth year of his age, having been a minister about 12 years.

Copied from a will found among the papers of the Estate of John Vail, of Littleton, Morris County, N. J. son of Thomas, son of John Vail, the Quaker preacher, and son of Elizabeth Griffin.

The last Will and Testament of ELIZABETH GRIFFIN, of Woodbridge, N. J.

Forasmuch as it is appointed for all people some day to die and the time when very uncertain, I, Elizabeth Griffin of Woodbridge in the County of Middlesex and Province of East New Jersey being weak in body but of a sound disposing mind and memory and inclined to dispose of the estate that the LORD hath to bless me with; Do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following; That is to say: First of all, I desire to resign my Soul to GOD ALMIGHTY who gave it to me, whenever it shall please him to call for it and my body to the earth to receive such decent burial as my executors hereinafter named shall think convenient, and as touching my worldly Estate: I give and bequeath the same as follows, viz; First, I give and direct that my daughter Mary Bloodgood, the wife of William Bloodgood shall be fully paid for the trouble and expense that I have been and shall be to them.

Item, I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Gach, all that remains in his hands (at the time of my death) of those goods that I left with him when I came to live with my son in law William Bloodgood.

Item, I give and bequeath to my son John Vail the sum of ten pounds which he has already got in his hands.

My will further is that all the meadows that my husband left me to divide at my discretion shall be divided between my son John Vail and my son Thomas Gach, that is to say; that my son John Vail shall have all that my son Thomas Gach has given him a quit claim for to be enjoyed by him and his heirs and assigns forever and that my son Thomas Gach shall have the remainder to be enjoyed by him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my two daughters Martha Burling the wife of Edward Burling of New York, and Mary Bloodgood the wife of William Bloodgood of Woodbridge; all the remaining part of my estate to be divided equally between them.

Lastly, I nominate constitute and appoint my two daughters Martha Burling and Mary Bloodgood Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all others and former Wills by me at any time heretofore made declaring this and this only to be my last Will and Testament. In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty first day of the fourth month commonly called June and in the year of our LORD one thousand seven hundred and thirty nine.

ELIZABETH GRIFFIN.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Elizabeth Griffith as her last will and Testament in the presence of us as subscribers.

John Shotwell Thomas Pike Joseph Shotwell

Whereas my daughter Martha is dead mentioned in this will to be my Executrix with my daughter Mary, now it is further my will to put my son John Vail. Executor, in her room and place giving my said son John all the power and privilege that my said daughter Martha had in the said Will relating thereunto being had may fuller appear.

In Testimony hereof I have hereunto set my hand this seventeenth day of the tenth month 1742.

Witness. Abraham Shotwell

ELIZABETH GRIFFITH

The above Will is the only record known giving the name of either of John Vail's parents. In it Elizabeth Griffith calls him her son John Vail and makes him one of her executors. The fact that her name was Griffith at the time of her making this will, and that she names therein Thomas Gach as her son as well as John Vail, requires some consideration. It is found in the records of the Woodbridge Monthly Meeting, now in the possession of the Society at Rahway, N. J. that on the 8th of 4mo 1687 "John Veill and Benjamin Griffith" were appointed to speak to Benjamin Clark to attend meeting. (This John Veill is supposed to be the husband of Elizabeth Griffin.) We do not find this name again in the records until the 21st ~~mo~~ of 5mo 1709, when "John Veal is appointed to attend quarterly meeting at Shrewsbury" and it could not have been the first mentioned John Veill; if he was the first husband of E. G. since he must have been deceased, as we find in the same records, the 19th of 10 mo. 1706, the name of Elizabeth Gach, appointed to some service by the meeting, (she having changed her name, by marriage, to Gach.) Her name occurs but twice more after this, until the 15th of 7mo 1709, when we find that John Griffin and Elizabeth Griffin declare their intention of marriage, which declarations they repeat for the 2nd time on the 20th of 8 mo 1709 and after this the name of Elizabeth Griffith frequently appears, so that the former John Veill, if the husband of Elizabeth Griffith, must have been deceased, and could not have been the 2nd John Veal. It is also recorded that John Griffith died the 20th of 8mo 1713. We conclude therefor, that John Veill was her first husband and a Mr. Gach her 2nd; and both deceased prior to 1709, she having had children by the first two husbands only.

We will now proceed to submit such facts as we have in relation to John Vail the Quaker Preacher. Our earliest and most reliable information is taken from "A testimony from Plainfield Monthly Meeting# in New Jersey concerning John Vail" the Q. P. viz; that he was born in West Chester N. Y. and removed from thence, while quite young to Woodbridge, where he settled and married and became an acceptable preacher among the Friends, and died 27th of 11 mo 1774, in the 89th year of his age, and consequently was born 1686 and was buried in the Friends burying ground at Rahway.

We find also, page 946 of the "Documentary History of New York" Vol. 3 in the census list of East Chester, taken 1710; the name of John Uaile aged 24, and Arthur Uaile, aged 19. John was therefore born 1686, and would seem to be the same person as John Vail, he having been born the same year. It appears however, that on the 21st of 5mo 1709, prior to the year 1710, that John Veal whom we suppose to be the Q. P. is appointed to attend quarterly meeting at Shrewsbury; and now the question arises, how can John Veill be

the father of John Vail, Q. P. the former being at Amboy Q. M. in 1687, a year after John Uaile's birth, and yet the testimony informs us that John Vail Q. P., came from West Chester to Woodbridge; when quite young; then again John Veal was at Woodbridge 1709, a year prior to the census 1710, when John Uaile was 24 years old and at West Chester.

I am inclined to believe that John Uaile, John Veal, and John Vail Q. P., are one and the same person, and that the apparent inconsistency of these facts may be reconciled by supposing that he made East Chester in 1710 his residence for a short time and then returned to Woodbridge.

I hope it may be in the power of some Friends or others interested in these historical and genealogical investigations and who have access to the ancient records of the Amboy and Shrewsbury Meetings, to examine and discover what facts and dates in relation to the birth, marriages, appointments and deaths there may be contained therein relating to the history of John Vail and his parents and any other Vails.

On the 17th of 2mo 1712, John Vail and Martha Fitz Randolph declare, for the 1st time, their intentions of marriage; and repeated their declaration on the 15th of 3 mo 1712. Both presentations were made by Jane Fitz Randolph and Elizabeth Griffith. John Vail's name occurs often after this.

The name Vail has a variety of spellings in the many documents in which it has been found, viz;

1st Vail; 2nd Vaile; 3rd Vaill[#]; 4th Vaille; 5th Uaile; 6th Vale; 7th Vaell; 8th Veil; 9th Veill; 10th Veile; 11th Veel; 12th Veal; 13th Veale; ; 4th Veall; 15th Valle; 16th Vele; 17th Viel; 18Vyol. There can be but little doubt that all these various spellings stand for the same word; as many of them are found to occur in the same document or written paper.

The following is taken from the family Bible of
John Vail, Q. P.

Mother departed this life 3rd of 9mo 1747, aged 90 years and near 6 months. John Vail.

My wife departed this life 18th of 4mo 1766, near 73 years. She had been my wife near 54 years.

Our son John Vail was born the 14th day of 6mo 1713
Samuel Vail ----- 16th ----- 12mo 1714-15
Joseph Vail ----- (supposed) ----- 1717
Mary Vail ----- (supposed) ----- 1719
Thomas Vail ----- 29th ----- 6mo. 1720
Elizabeth Vail ----- 16th ----- 3mo 1722
Nathaniel Vail ----- 22nd ----- 9mo 1724
Isaac Vail ----- 31st ----- 11mo 1726-27
Martha Vail ----- 38th ----- 11mo 1728
Sarah Vail ----- 12th ----- 10mo 1730
Peter Vail ----- 9th ----- 12mo 1733

ALFRED VAIL, Morristown, Morris Co. N. J. Oct. 1st 1852

John Vail, son of Samuel and Abigail Vail, was born in West Chester, West Chester Co., N. Y. 2nd mo. 21st 1708. He married Margaret Laing, daughter of John and Elizabeth Laing. She was born at Plainfield 9th mo 9th 1710.

John Vail died 1754

Their children-----

Samuel Vail	was born	8th mo. 24th	1732-----	died	1752
John	"	"	6th mo. 29th	1734-----	died 1mo 13 1814
Daniel	"	"	1st mo. 7th	1739-----	died 1794
Isaac	"	"	11 mo. 27th	1737-----	died 1777
David	"	"		1740-----	died 1823
Jacob	"	"	7th mo. 3rd	1742-----	died 7th mo. 8 1823
Abraham	"	"	7th mo. 23rd	1744-----	died 9th mo. 11th 1824
Benjamin	"	"	8th mo. 3rd	1745-----	died 10th mo. 6 1820
Joseph	"	"	6th mo. 12th	1752-----	died 1773
Christiana	"	"	12th mo. 10th	1753-----	died 1774

RECORD OF CLARKSON## VAIL'S ANCESTORS

JOHN VAIL'S WILL. Recorded 10th of June, 1754. Liber 181 at Trenton, N. J.

Forasmuch as it is appointed for all men once to die and the time when very uncertain; I John Vail of the Burrough of Elizabeth in East New Jersey though weak in body yet sound of mind of a perfect disposal and of a good understanding and memory thanks be gin to the Lord for it have and do make and order this my last will and Testament. Firstly and principally. I desire to recommend my soul into the Hands of the Lord that gave it whensoever it shall please him to call for it, my Body to the Earth to receive such Christian like decent burial as my Executors hereafter nominated shall provide.

Item as touching my worldly Estate I give bequeath and dispose of the same in manner and form following viz; I will and direct that my Funeral Expenses be fully paid in the first place.

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Mary Vail her riding Roan Mare and side saddell and all the Household Goods that she brought with her and three pounds sixteen Shillings in money at eight shillings the ounce. I also give her the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds monney at eight shillings the ounce to be paid to her in four years time after my decease.

Item I will and direct that my Estate be kept together as much as may be for the space of four years and I also request my family viz, my wife and Children to live together sd Term and at the expiration of said four years will and direct that a sufficiency of my movable Estate be sold of so far as to pay of all my just debts and my Wife's above legacy.

Item the remaining part of my moveable estate I equally divide amongst my eight sons, viz John Vail, Daniel Vail, Isaac Vail, David Vail, Jacob Vail, Abraham Vail, Benjamin Vail, and Joseph Vail each one to share and share alike.

Item I will and direct that the Plantation whereon I now live be divided into Eight lots in the following manner viz, all my Lands below the mountain I will give and bequeath unto my four Sons viz,

I give and bequeath the one fourth part on the side or end of my Land whereon my house stands right up and down as the Land lays

together with one fourth part of my lot on the mountain pine Right viz, that part that lays next above his lower Lot I give and bequeath unto mine Eldest Son John Vail with all the profits convanancys, priviledges and appurtanances thereunto belonging to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son David Vail the next bordering Lots easterly viz to have another fourth part both of my Land below the mountains and likewise, one fourth part of my mountain pine lot with all the Priviledges and appurtainances thereunto belonging to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item the next bordering lots viz one fourth part of my Lands below the mountains and also one fourth part of my mountain pine lot, I give and bequeath unto my son Abraham Vail with all the priviledges and appurtanances thereunto belonging to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item the easterly fourth part both of my Plain and Mountain Pine lot I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Vail with all the priviledges and appurtanances thereunto belonging to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item if in case my well beloved Wife will see good to put up a house and live upon the Land that I have given to my son Joseph Vail. I will give her the youse and income of said House and five acres of Land her life time if she see cause to live on it but not to let it to strangers.

Item this and the above sd Legacies given to my said wife Mary Vail I give to her in full of her right of dowery and not else.

Item my intent is that my four abovesaid named Sons shall each one have one equal number of acres, both of the lower and upper Lot abovesd.

Item if in any case any of my above named Sons viz John, David, Abraham or Joseph Vail should Dye without issue lawfully begotten under the age of twenty and one years, I give and bequeath their part in my said plantation unto the remaining survivors or partners in my home Lands, abovesaid they to share and Share alike both in the Plain and Mountain pine Lot to them their heirs and assigns forever.

Item my Lands in Baskinridge Township I do hereby impower my Executors hereafter named to divide into four equal Lots they to divide as they shall think most convenient but to give to each lot an equal number of acres.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Daniel Vail his shairs of either of the above four lots after divided with all the priviledges and appurtanances thereunto belonging to him his heirs and Assigns forever,

Item the second share I give and bequeath unto my son Isaac Vail with all the priviledges and appurtanances thereunto belonging to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item the third share of said Lots I give and bequeath unto my son Jacob Vail with all the profits any ways thereunto appertaining to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item the remaining or last fourth part of said Land I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Vail with all their profits any ways belonging to said premises to him his Heirs and Assigns forever.

Item I will and direct that if any of my last four named sons Should Dye without issue lawfully begotten under the age of twenty one years I give and bequeath their part of said Land viz an equal number of acres to each of the remaining or Surviving brothers which are Leagatees with them in said Land in Baskenridge to them their Heirs and assigns forever.

Item I will and direct that each of my eight above named Sons shall pay unto my daughter Christien the sum of eight pounds money at eight shillings the ounce apiece in all sixty four pounds to be paid to her when she arrives to the age of twenty one years and if in case any of my Sons above named Shall refuse or neglect to pay the said Legacy I do hereby empower my Executors to at some convenient time sell so much of said Delinquency's Land as shall pay their deficiencies with the charges that shall accrue by such Sale.

Item my negro fellow to wit Dick I leave to his liberty to live with any of my children or where he will. Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my trusty friends viz my brother Steven Vail and Abner Hamton to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament thus tatyfing disannulling and making void all other Wills Legacey's and bequests by me at any time as heretofore made I do hereby declare this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of the fifth month called May in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty four.

JOHN VAIL

Sealed, Signed, Published, pronounced and declared by the Testator to be his last will and Testament in the presence of the Subscribers. David Coriell Micaiah Dunn Mary(her' mark) Muller

Be it remembered that on the fourth day of June one thousand seven hundred and fifty four David Coryell and Macaiah Dunn two of the within witnesses personally came before me Thomas Bart w duly authorised to prove Wills and they being duly sworn do depose that they were present and saw John Vail the Testator witness named Sign and Seal the within will and heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and Testament and that at the doing thereof the sd Testator was of sound mind and memory to the best of their knowledge and as they verily belive and at the same time Mary Muller was present and signed as a witness as did they also sign as Witnesses in the Testators presence.

THO BARTOW

Be it remembered that at the same time Stephen Vail and Abner Hamton the Executors within named came before me and being of the People called Quakers did solomnly affirm that they would well and truly execute and perform the said will in the usual manner.

THO BARTOW

Probate granted by Gov Belcher in the usual form dated the same date 4 June 1754

John Vail, whose Will the above purports to be, was the eldest son of Samuel and Abigail Vail of Westchester, Westchester Co. N. Y. He was born 21st of 2nd mo 1708 and married 1st Margaret Laing, by whom he had Samuel, John, Daniel, Isaac, David, Jacob, Abraham, and Benjamin; and married 2nd Mary Laing, by whom he had Joseph and Christiana; of these children, all except Samuel, Jacob, Joseph and Christian, married and had large families whose descendants are very numerous and scattered. Samuel and Abigail Vail had other children, viz Stephen; who lived and died near Greenbrook. Some of his sons removed west and their descendants are principally in Ohio. Samuel; Phebe, who married Daniel Turner. Mr. Turner died first and the widow was afterwards murdered by a British soldier. Both left Wills, which I have. They left no issue. Thomas, who married Mary Griffin had ten children and settled in Westchester, N. Y.

Isaac; Joseph and Abigail; and by a 2nd wife, Sarah; he had Matthew Sarah and Elizabeth. Samuel Vail had a brother John Vail, a Quaker preacher, whose Testimonial is a publication of the Friends. He was the Ancestor of the Morris Co. Vails, and some in Nova Scotia; Canada West; Virginia and Ohio.

Arthur Vail was also a brother, and was the Ancestor of the Troy, N. Y. Vails; some in Vermont and elsewhere. Samuel, it is supposed, had also two sisters; Martha, who married Edward Burking of New York; and Mary who married William Bloodgood of Woodbridge. I have not yet completed the records of the descendants of John Vail, and will thank those who have not yet sent their records, to do so with as little delay as possible.

ALFRED VAIL

Morristown Morris Co. N. J. Sept. 21st, 1852

JEREMIAH VAILL'S WILL OF SOUTHOLD

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In tne name of God, Amen. I Jeremiah Vaill of Southold in the county of Suffolk, and the province of New York yeoman being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God therefore but calling to mind the uncertainty of this life and that it is appointed for all men once to die do make constitute appoint and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner following; First I bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my Body to the Earth to be buried in decent buriel at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named. Secondly my will is that my beloved wife Elizabeth Vaill shall have half the household goods and also my negro girl Hagar as her own property I also order that my wife Elizabeth Vaill shall have the improvement of this farm on which I now dwell together with such a part of the stock as shall be thought proper to be kept on it by my Executors for the bringing up of my children at my Executors discretion until my oldest son Jeremiah comes to the age of one and twenty years. I also give to my oldest son when he comes to the age of one and twenty years all my Lands and buildings except my Ralph Lot bounded on the West by David Patty deceased and on the East by John Terry. I also order my Executors to sell my Ralph Lot to the highest Bidder and the money to be put to use excepting so much as shall answer my Bonds, until my second son Thomas comes to the age of one and twenty years, at which time I order my Executors to pay 2d Thomas ten pounds. I also order that the other half of my household goods and all my other goods and chattles excepting such as hereafter shall be mentioned be equally divided among my children, saving my oldest son. I also give to my oldest son one yoke of Oxen two cows and all my farm Tackling when he comes to the age of one and twenty years he paying at the age of three and twenty to my Brother Gamaliel Fifteen pound and five pounds to my children to be equally divided among them. Lastly of this my last Will and Testament I do hereby constitute appoint and ordain Joshua Youngs and Jonathan Terry to be my Executors with full power and Authority to act in and about the premises. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 12th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty eight.

JEREMIAH VAILL, L. S.

Signed Sealed pronounced and Declared by the said Jeremiah Vaill to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us Witnesses John Terry, Charles Glover, Samuel Tuthil;.

JEREMIAH VAILL

In the name of GOD Amen. I Jeremiah Vaill Southold in the county of Suffolk, in the province of New York yeoman being in health of Body and of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God therefore but calling to mind the uncertainty of this Life and that it is appointed for all men once to die do make constitute appoint and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and following;

First I bequeath my Soul to God who gave it and my Body to the Earth to be buried in decent burial at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named.

Secondly, my will is that my beloved Wife Anna Vaill shall have such a part of my estate as the law allows her.

Thirdly I give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas Vaill and to his heirs and assigns forever all and every part and parcel of my lands and meadows lying and being in the Township of Southold aforesaid and all my Houses & Buildings thereupon erected always- Provided and hereby it is provided and the true intent and meaning of this my last Will is that my 2nd son Thomas Vaill shall pay out of his own Estate unto my Eldest son Jeremiah Vaill his Executors or assigns the sum of 20 pounds current money of New York which if my said Son Thomas Vaill shall refuse or neglect to do that then my absolute will and pleasure is that my 2nd son Jeremiah Vaill shall have twenty acres of the point of that part of my Lands lying next to Plumb Gut to whom I do then give the same and to his heirs and assigns forever any thing in this my will contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Fourthly I give and bequeath all & singular my goods and chattles money and movables not before willed unto my four children named Jeremiah Vaill, Thomas Vaill, Mary Goldsmith and Martha Horton equally between them. Lastly of this my last Will and Testament I do hereby constitute appoint and ordain my said son Thomas Vaill and my son in law John Goldsmith to be my Executors with full power and authority to act in and about the premises. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this second day of January in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and twenty two three. Jeremiah Vaill(L) signed sealed, pronounced and declared by the said Jeremiah Vaill to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us witnesses. Benj. Youngs, Grover Youngs, Benjamin Youngs Jr. We do humble certify to your Excellency that at Southold in Suffolk county on the one and thirty day of January in the thirteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King George now of Great Britain & the within last Will and Testament of the within named Jeremiah Vaill deceased was produced before us and proved by the oaths of Benjamin Youngs and Benjamin Youngs Jr. two of the witnesses thereunto subscribed who upon their oaths did declare that to the best of their remembrance they did see the said Testator Seal and Publish and declare the within written to be his last Will and Testament and that they subscribed their names in the ~~person~~ presence of the same Testator and that other witness and that he was at the same time in perfect and sound memory to the best of their understanding.

BENJAMIN YOUNG, Judge

SAMUEL HUTCHINSON, Justice

JOSEPH WICKHAM

In the name of GOD, Amen. The twenty fourth day of August in the year of our LORD seventeen hundred and forty nine I Moses Veal of Huntington in Suffolk County, in the Province of New York, being sick and weak in body but of a perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto GOD, therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of God that gave it and for my body, I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a christian-like manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly estate wherein it hath pleased God to bless me in this life. I give and bequeath and dispose of in the following manner and form, Imprimis. I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Phebe, the use of all my rooms in my house that I now use and the use of half my barn and shop and such household goods and farming utensils as she shall choose and my old brown horse and one third part of all my cattle and sheep and all that part of my land which I hereafter give unto my son Platt to bring up my children upon all the above mentioned articles to be to the use of my said wife for the term of four years and then to be disposed of as hereafter shall be mentioned. I also give to my said wife, my Roane mare and her sidesaddle to be at her own disposal, also my negro girl, Charity, my best bed and furniture, my best iron pot, best half dozen of plates, two best basons two best pewter plates my best cupboard and black chest one trammel, these to be at her own disposal. Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Joseph five pounds and that Roane horse which I have sent him. Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Platt all that part of my lands and meadows that lyeth within the following bounds, beginning at a white oak tree standing in the corner of a fence by Justice's Briant's meadow thence running straight into the head of the bogs, where my fence now stands thence southwardly as the fence now stands and so across to a white oak at the corner of Lyman Eleet's lot thence running eastwardly on the north side of the said Eleet's lot to the road which leads to Brothertons bounded on the east by the said road and Micajah Brotherton and Joseph Scidmore taking in all my meadow lying northward against the said tract of land also all my tract of land lying near Bread and Cheese Hollow and also my brown horse, these articles to be given him in possession at the expiration of the above said four years and them to be and remain to him his heirs and assigns forever unless it should so happen that he die under age and without issue, if so, then it is my pleasure, to my son Isaac to be and remain to him his heirs and assigns forever. I also give unto my son Platt that colt which is called his. Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Moses all the remainder of my lands and meadows and my horse called Buck to be and remain to him his heirs and assigns forever together with the use of that part of my house which he now uses, as also half of my barn and shop and necessaries for the term of four years. Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved son John all my weaving reeds and gears. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Israel my sorrel horse and saddle which he now rides. Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Micah a Roane colt called his. Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Mary one cow which is now at Moberies. Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Phebe ten pounds and my best bed and furniture after her mother has taken her bed. Item, all the remainder of my Estate, as well as that which

I have given but for a time at the expiration of the said time as that not yet given at all at the time of my decease to be sold and all my just debts and funeral charges first paid, the remainder to be divided into five equal parts, one fifth I give to my son Israel, one fifth to my son Micah, one fifth to my daughter Phebe, and two fifths to my son Isaac. My grain on the ground I give as moveables. My will is that my wife should have one year's provisions for herself and such children as I have left her to bring up. And now I constitute and make and ordain my trusty friends Augustin Bryant and Timothy Tredwell my lawful Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testaments Wills Legacies and Executors by me in any ways before this time named willed and bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal the day and year above written. The word interlined between the thirty second and thirty third line, interlined before the sealing thereof.

MOSES VAIL

L. S.

List of Marriages from the Presbyterian Church records of Southold furnished by the Rev. Mr. Hunting to Joseph H. Goldsmith, Esq. and by him sent to me. 1750, May 17, Obadiah Vaill to Andos Gillam 1751, Oct. 19, Jeremiah Vaill to Bethiah Tuthill. 1754, Oct. 28, Benjamin Vaill to Mary Horton. 1755, Oct. 3, Jeremiah Vaill to Caroline Moore. 1756, Jan. 8, Jeremiah Vaill to Elizabeth Glover. 1750 Sept. 23, Peter Vaill to Bethiah Landon.

List of Deaths also furnished me by Mr. Goldsmith, of Southold, and procured from an old record of that place. Nehemiah Vaile's son Henry, April 27, 1724-5. Samuel Vaile's son Aug. 17, 1736. Samuel Vaile's son Aug. 18, 1736. Daniel Vaile's daughter Hannah, Oct. 20, 1736. Daniel Vaile's daughter Elizabeth, Oct. 29, 1736. Daniel Vaile's son, Oct. 29, 1736. John Vaile (aged 74), Aug. 18, 1837. Thomas Vaile's wife Elizabeth, March 19, 1741. Thomas Vail, Aug. 5, 1741. Daniel Vaile's child Peter, July 27, 1747. Daniel Vaile's son Daniel, Sept. 28, 1747. Daniel Vaile's wife, Hannah, Oct. 4, 1747. Daniel Vaile himself (60) Oct. 4, 1847. Daniel Vaile's son Jasper, Oct. 7, 1747. Jeremiah Vaile, Oct. 12, 1748. Peter Vaile's daughter Parnal, July 26, 1753. Stephen Vaile's child, July 27, 1753. Jeremiah Vaile's wife, Bethiah, Aug. 7, 1753. Widow Elizabeth Vaile's son Jonathon, Aug. 11, 1754, aged 6 years. Peter Vaile, Jr. infant son Oct. 7, 1754. Sarah Vaile, April 5, 1756. John Vaile's daughter Sarah, (5), July 21, 1756. John Vaile, March 24, 1768. Widow Hannah Vail, Relic of John, March 1, 1773. Obadiah Vaile's wife (Dann I think), March 24, 1777. Stephen Vaile's mother Comstick, April 2, 1781. Capt. Peter Vail of Guilford Jan. 23, 1782. Widow Sarah Vail's daughter Magie, Jan. 22, 1791. - Elisha Vail, June 22, 1797. Jeremiah Vail, Oysterponds (Orient), Jan. 20, 1798. Nathaniel Vail, wife Prudence, Oct. 20, 1798. Obadiah Vail, Feb. 4, 1801. Benjamin Vail's daughter Mary, Oct. 10, 1801. Widow Sarah Vail, Feb. 25, 1803. John Vail's wife Abigail, Dec. 27, 1805. Stephen Vail, Nov. 26, 1806. John Vail, Jan. 8, 1808.

Marriages. Frances Drake and Phebe Vail, March 28, 1722. J--- Vaile and Hannah Petty, Aug. 7, 1723. Jonathon Tuthill and Mary Vail, March 8, 1727. Benjamin Vail and Mary Pain, Dec. 16, 1731. Jeremiah Vail and Elizabeth Youngs, April 6, 1732. Peter Colles and Sidiah Vail. Sept. 30, 1741. Obadiah Vail and D--- Gilliam, May 12, 1747. Benjamin Vaile and Mary Horton, Oct. 21, 1751. John Borseau

and Hannah Vail, Oct. 21, 1755. Jeremiah Vail and Sine Moore, Oct. # 23, 1755. Jonathon Griffing and Martha Vail, June 2, 1755. Elisha Vail and Rhoda Moore, March 3, 1768. John Orsman and widow Mary Vail, Jan. 26, 1772. Thomas Vail and Bethiah Tuthill, Oct. 18, 1772. Gillam Vail and Hannah Haete, April 2, 1785. Joseph Vail and Mary Stansbery, Oct. 19, 1794. Nathaniel Vail and Prudence Tuthill, July 10, 1795. Zacheus Goldsmith and Mary Vail, Nov. 15, 1798. Joshua Vail and Sarah Vail, Feb. 17, 1799. Silas Vail and Sophronia Goldsmith, Oct. 12, 1802. Thomas Prince and Mary Vail, Oct. 7, 1803.

N. B. Several errors have been discover after most of these sheets were struck off, viz; County of Southold should be county of Suffolk.- and there are other typographical mistakes- I had intrusted others with the correction of proofs, hence the errors. KEEP THIS

ALFRED VAIL

MORRISTOWN, Morris County, N. J. January, 1854

THE ESSEX VAILS

This class is named from John Vail, who ##### originally settled in Essex County, N. J., and whose numerous descendants now mostly reside in the county and its vicinity.

John Vail, who stands at the head of this class, was formerly of Westchester County, New York, and was the son of Samuel Vail, a brother of John Vail, the Quaker Preacher. Samuel Vail's name may be found as the 1st in the 2nd generation in the diagram representing my own family descent. Samuel Vail was born 21st of 10th month, 1678, and died 26th of 4th month, 1733. He married 1st, Abigail----, who had John, the ancestor of the Essex class; Stephen, the ancestor of the Ohio Class; Samuel, Phebe, Thomas, the ancestor of the Westchester Class; Isaac, Joseph, and Abigail. He married, 2nd, Sarah ---, and had Matthew, Sarah, and Elizabeth. Of John only (who was the son of Samuel) we have at present to do. I will merely state here that although I have parts of the genealogy of some of the other children of Samuel, I have not been able to effect much. I meet with more difficulty in obtaining the records of the Westchester VAIL'S than any other Class, and have but few correspondents among them.

JOHN (ancestor of the Essex Class), married 1st, Margaret Laing and had 1 Samuel, 2 John, 3 Daniel, 4 Isaac, 5 David, 6 Jacob, 7 Abraham, and 8 Benjamin. He married 2nd, Mary Laing, and had 9 Joseph and 10 Christiana. Of these, Samuel, Jacob, Joseph and Christiana either died young or were never married.

John Vail's Will, as I found it on record at Trenton, accompanies this paper. It is printed for the gratification of those who are interested in this object.

JOHN VAIL, Jr., 1st son of 2 John, Married Catherine Fitz Randolph. and had 1. Margaret, 2 Edward, 3 Amos, 4 Isaac, 5 Phebe, 6 Nathan, and 7 Joel.

1 Margaret married Benjamin Nichols. Her records and those of her daughters are not complete. 2 Edward married Sarah Kinsey, and had 9 children, whose records are complete. 3 Amos married Phebe Smith and 4 children, and his records are incomplete; his children's are finished. 4 Isaac married, 1st Sarah Thorne, and had 8 children; married 2nd Sarah Shotwell, and had 8 children, records will soon be complete. 5 Phebe never married. 6 Nathan married Anna Webster and had 9 children, records complete. 7 Joel married Catherine T. Miller, and had 12 children, and records nearly complete.

3 Daniel married Mary McGowan; his records are not complete. He had 1 Ann V., 2 Catherine, 3 Daniel, 4 Jacob, 5 Harriett, 6 Martha, 7 Alexander, and 8 Israel.

1 Ann married John Hill; records wanting. 2 Catherine married Dr. Hugh McGowan, and had 7 children; his records and those of of his children are wholly wanting. 4 Jacob married Sarah Fitz Randolph, and had 8 children; his and his children's records are complete. 5 Harriet married Frazee Coles, and had 2 children; her records and her children's are complete. 6 Martha married Thomas O. Scudder; records complete. 7 Alexander married Eliza Kirkpatrick, and had 2 children; all their records are complete. 8 Dr. Israel married Mariah Barkelow, and had 7 children; his records are wholly wanting.

4 ISAAC married Rachel Compton, and had 4 children- 1 Samuel, 2 James, 3 Sarah, and 4 Margaret.

1 Samuel married Lydia Moore, and had 11 children. The records of Phebe Jacob, Dr. John and Amy are quite complete; but those of Sarah, Daniel, and Joel are wholly wanting, and are very much needed. 2 James married Elizabeth Carle, and had 3 children, their records complete. 3 Sarah married John Lindsay and her records and those of her children are wanting, and much needed. 4 Margaret married William Fairholm, and had 11 children; their records in a way to be finished except Johnston.

5 DAVID married Phebe Jackson, and had 12 children; and from these are many descendants, viz; - 1 William, 2 John, 3 ~~Prudence~~, 4 James, 5 Daniel, 6 David, 7 Rebecca, 8 Margaret, 9 Smith, 10 Phebe, 11 Mary, and 12 Joseph.

1 William married 1st Jemima Cole, and had 10 children; and married 2nd Christiana Clarkson; his records not yet complete - his children's and grandchildren's are, with few exceptions, complete. 2 John never married. 3 Prudence married Samuel Vail, and had 9 children; # her records and those of her children are complete. 4 James married Rachel Line, and had 7 children; all their records are complete. 5 Daniel, married Hannah Harris, and had 6 children: William and Runyon's records not complete. 6 David married Elizabeth Webster, and had 8 children; their records finished. 7 Rebecca married Mark Webster, and had 9 children; Phebe's, Margaret's and their children's records are incomplete. 8 Margaret married Crowell Webster, and had 6 children; their records and those of their children are wholly wanting. 9 Smith married Deborah Marsh, and had 5 children; their records are complete. 10 Phebe married Amos Line, and had 6 children; their records are completed. 11 Mary married William Pond. Nothing has yet been received respecting them; and their records are wholly wanting. 12 Joseph married Mary Fitz Randolph, and had 9 children; their records are complete. There may be some of the descendants who have married within a year whose records I have not received. If so I will thank them to send them.

7 ABRAHAM married Margaret Fitz Randolph, and had 1 James, 2 Daniel, 3 James, 4 Mercy, 5 John, 6 Phebe, 7 Elizabeth, 8 Ephraim, 9 Margaret, and 10 Christiana.

The first two sons died unmarried. 3 James married Maria Jackson, and had 1 child: records complete. 4 Mercy never married. 5 John married 1st Rachel ~~Webster~~ Webster, and had 1 child; and 2nd Deborah Harned and had 6 children; their records are all complete. 6 Phebe married Peter Shotwell, and had 6 children; their records are finished. 7 Elizabeth married Abel Shotwell, and had 4 children; their records complete. 8 Ephraim married Rebecca Vail, and had 5 children; their

records perfected. 9 Margaret married David Laing, and had 1 son; their records complete. 10 Christiana married Joseph L Shotwell, and had 8 children; her records complete- George's and Mary's not yet finished.

8 BENJAMIN married Margaret Clarkson, and had 9 children- 1 Stella, 2 Bethiah, 3 Christiana, 4 Abel, 5 Robert, 6 Benjamin, 7 Abel, 8 Clarkson, and 9 Margaret.

Of these Stelle, Bethiah and Abel died young. 3 Christiana married Abel Marsh and had 2 children; records not finished. 5 Robert married 1st, Sarah Marsh, and had 8 children; and married 2nd Ann Eliza Jarvis; their records almost finished. 6 Benjamin married Martha C. Parker and had 6 children; his records are complete, and perhaps his children's are. 7 Abel C.; records wholly wanting. 8 Clarkson married ~~1st~~ 1st, Sarah Laing, and had 2 children; and married 2nd Violetta Morgan, and had 7 children; his records are complete, but their children's not.

I would most respectfully request those whose records are incomplete, or whose families have met with changes, to apprise me of it, that I may make every correction and addition necessary; and I will thank those who can furnish me with such records as are wanting, to do so with the least possible delay. My address will remain the same, though absent, viz:- Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey.

Direct your replies to Morristown, Morris County, N. J. KEEP THIS PAPER.

These 30 questions should be answered by the head of every family, or some member of it. The 19 are indispensibly necessary.

1. What is your full name?
2. What is the date of your birth?
3. Where were you born?
4. What is the date of your marriage or marriages?
5. What is the full name of your father?
6. What is the full maiden name of your mother?
7. What is your wife's full name?
8. What is the date of your wife's or husband's birth?
9. What is the full name of your wife's father?
10. What is the maiden name of your wife's mother?
11. What is your occupation?
12. What is your place of residence?
13. What is the full name of each of your children?
14. What is the date of birth of each of your children?
15. What is the date of the death of any of your children who have died?
16. Where were your children born?
17. Whom have any your children married?
18. How many children have each of them?
19. Where do each of them reside?
20. What are the full names of your brothers and sisters?
21. whom did each marry?
22. How many children have each of them?
23. where do each of them now reside, or what is their present address?
24. What are the full names of your father's or mother's (one the side of the Vails) brothers and sisters?

25. Whom did they marry?
26. How many children have each of them?
27. Where do any of them reside, or what is their present address?
28. What is the full name of your grandfather on the Vail side?
29. What is the full name of your grandmother on the Vail side?
30. Are there any Vails, or descendants of Vails in your neighborhood, or residing elsewhere, whose address you can send me and with whom I may correspond?

I have thus briefly and as distinctly as possible exhibited the present progress and condition of the Records of John Vail's descendants. This is done that those interested may use such diligence and means in their power as may put me in possession, before it is published, of such records as are needed to finish it as a whole, and make it the most perfect record of its kind ever undertaken.

I have this offer to make to all those who have, and who will furnish the records of their own or other families still wanting, and who prepay their postage and give me their full address, that I will as soon as the collection is finished publish it in a ~~pp~~ pamphlet form, and mail to each family a copy, I have not the address of every family and I hope all will see the necessity of being assured that I have it. To a very few, to whom I have already written some three times without success, I shall not after their receipt of this, again address them, unless they reply. As soon as possible this work will be committed to the press. A limited number of copies will be printed, only sufficient to supply each family on the conditions above stated. But such a number of extra copies may be printed as any may choose to order, to whom they will be furnished at cost.

I would remind my correspondents that the success of this enterprise is mainly due to the promptness with which they have given me the address of their fathers, mothers, children, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, cousins and other relatives; and not least, the address of those who bear our name or who have descended from some ancestor of our name, but who are not known to be in any way related. Without this aid I could not have advanced a step. It is impossible for me to travel over the whole extent of the United States and the Canadas and collect these records. The work would never have been commenced, had such a labour been required. I would therefore urgently solicit of every one to give me the address now or any time hereafter of every person who are descendants.

I would also earnestly request that there should be furnished for the work a brief biographical sketch of the life of deceased ancestors, both paternal and maternal, embracing the history of their lives, the places of their residence, and where they were buried; their religious belief, their profession or business, &c. &c. Such an account for each one will greatly relieve the monotony of names and dates and give individuality to each person.

Yours with great respect,

ALFRED VAIL

Morristown, Morris Co. N. J. Dec. 10th, 1853.

THE D. V. CLASS OF VAILLS.

DANIEL VAILL, the Great Ancestor of this class was born in 1687, married Oct. 10, 1717, and died Oct. 4, 1747. He married Hannah Griffing, who was born in 1699, and died Oct. 4, 1747. They had 15 children whose names we have, (# they had some 4 or 5 others whose names we have not) viz:- 1 Daniel, 2 Lydia, 3 Joseph, 4 Hannah, 5 Elizabeth, 6 Mary, 7 Micah, 8 Samuel, 9 Nathan, 10 Peter, 11 Silas, 12 Daniel, 13 Jasper, 14 Hannah, 15 Elizabeth. Of these, 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 died in infancy or unmarried. Daniel Vail settled at Southold, Long Island, about 1648. He or his father or both came from Wales. This is traditional. It is not our purpose now to lay before you the little we possess in relation to your Ancestors' History, but exhibit briefly the state of the records of their descendants.

2 LYDIA married Capt. Peter Collis, and had 2 children, both of which we are told, died young, and this is all we can give in relation to her history.

3 JOSEPH married Jerusha Peek, and had 1 JERUSHA, 2 ANNA, 3 JOSEPH, 4 LOIS, 5 LYDIA, 6 HULDAH, 7 URANIA, 8 SARAH, and 9 BENJAMIN.

1 JERUSHA, 5 LYDIA, and 8 SARAH died young and unmarried. 2 ANNA married Jehiel Kilborn, and had Urania, Ozias, Rhoda, Huldah, Dranthe, Lois, and Herman; their records and those of their children are wholly wanting. 3 JOSEPH married Sarah Fowler, and had 1 Joseph, 2 William, 3 Timothy, 4 Sarah, 5 Joseph, and 6 Armand; the 1 and 3 died young the records of William, Sarah, Joseph, and Armand are complete, some of their grandchildren are not. 6 HULDAH married Ithamar Mallery; this is all we know of them. 7 URANIA married Darius Kent, and all else is blank. 9 BENJAMIN married Sylvia Landon, and had 1 Herman, 2 Anna, 3 Almira, 4 Almira, 5 Charles, 6 Dianthe, and 7 Benjamin; 3 Almira died young. The records of Herman and Charles are complete, of the others we know nothing.

8 SAMUEL married 1st, Lois Bishop, and had 1 DANIEL, 2 DAVID, 3 SAMUEL, and 4 HANNAH.

1 DANIEL married -----, and had 1 HARVEY, 2 DAVID, and 3 ANN; and this is all we know of them and their children. 2 DAVID married -----, and had 9 children, 1 Phebe, 2 Flora, 3 Philander, 4 Henry, 5 Lucia, 6 Hiram, 7 Samuel, 8 David, and 9 William; of the parents and children we know nothing more. 3 SAMUEL (we suppose it to be this Samuel) married Lois Bishop, and had 1 Edwin, and Homar, both of whose records we have complete, but their children's are not quite. 4 HANNAH we know nothing. And married, 2nd Ann Clark Schuyler, and had 2 children; and married, 3rd, Wid Chase (maiden name Mary Comstock) and had 3 children. This is the sum of their records.

HANNAH married Ozias Goodman, and had 1 Micah, 2 Phinehas, 3 Rhoda, 4 Micah 11, 5 Abigail#1, 6 Electa, 7 Eliza, 8 Ozias, 9 Sarah, 10 Polly,

11 Samuel, 12 Clarissa, and 13 Samuel. This is all our knowledge of them and their descendants.

15 ELIZABETH married Silas Beach, and had 11 children, viz:- 1 Elisha, 2 LYDIA, 3 BARNABAS, 4 SILAS, 5 TRUMAN, 6 THOMPSON, 7 NANCY, 8 ELIZABETH, 9 SARAH, 10 FANNY, and 11 BELINDA.

1 ELISHA married Lydia Skeets and had 1 Angelina, 2 Nathan, 3 Simira, 4 William, 5 Allen, and 6 Malinda; the records of the first three complete, and of the three last, unless married. 2 LYDIA married Ebenezer Sibley, and had 1 Edwin, 2 Lovica, 3 John, 4 Silas, 5 Warren, 6 Timothy, and 7 Nancy; their records are complete except Silas' and Warren's if married. 3 BARNABAS married Huldah Hooker, and had 1 Elmira, 2 Hiram, and 3 Happylyona; the records of 1 and 2 complete, but their children are wanting-- those of 3 are wholly wanting. 4 SILAS married Olive Lathrop, and had 1 John, 2 Nathan, 3 William, 4 Charles, 5 Olive, 6 Fanny, 7 Charlotte, and 8 Silas; the records of 2, 3 and 7 complete, but the others are wanting. 5 TRUMAN married Hannah Seely, and had 1 Benjamin, 2 Silas, 3 Truman, 4 John, 5 Hannah, and 6 Almira; their records are complete. 6 THOMPSON married Elizabeth Wales, and had 1 Ferdinand, 2 Socretus, 3 Gordon, and 4 Frances; their records almost complete. 7 NANCY married Hiram Barney, and had 1 Samantha, 2 Dennis, 3 Benjamin, 4 Abigail, 5 Lucinda, 6 Herman, 7 Nancy, 8 Thompson, and 9 Abigail; the records of 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are complete except those of their children, Abigail 1 died young, and 9 is wholly wanting, if married. 8 ELIZABETH married Mackenzie Murry, and had Minerva; her records are complete but her child's is wanting, if married. 9 SARAH married Reuben Bates, and had 1 Chandler, 2 Elizabeth, 3 Thomas, 4 Truman, 5 Abigail, 6 Sally; their records are complete, but their children's are wanting, if married. 10 FANNY Martin Morton, and 1 Mariah, 2 Loran, 3 Harry, 4 Edgar; the records of the 1 and 2 are complete, the 3 and 4 not, if married. 11 BELINDA married Chauncey Brounett, and had 1 Elizabeth, 2 Edward, 3 Lysander, 4 Charles, 5 Mary, 6 William, 7 Fanny, 8 James, 9 Minerva, and 10 Jonathon; the records of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 are complete- the others are wanting, if married.

We would state here to those whom it may concern(for we are often asked for information), that, to our knowledge, there is no legacy, or immense estates, or property of any kind, at home or in foreign countries, descending to any of the Vails. If there is we have not been informed.

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These 30 questions should be answered by the head of every family, or some member of it. The 19 are indispensibly necessary.

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2. What is the date of your birth?
3. Where were you born?
4. What is the date of your marriage or marriages?
5. What is the full name of your father?
6. What is the full maiden name of your mother?
7. What is your wife's full name?
8. What is the date of your wife's or husband's birth?
9. What is the full name of your wife's father?
10. What is the maiden name of your wife's mother?
11. What is your occupation?
12. What is your place of residence?
13. What is the full name of each of your children?
14. What is the date of the birth of each of your children?
15. What is the date of the death of any of your children that have died
16. Where were your children born?
17. Whom have any of your children married?
18. How many children have each of them?
19. Where do each of them reside?
20. What are the full names of your brothers and sisters?
21. Whom did each marry?
22. How many children have each of them?
23. Where do each of them now reside, or what is their present address?
24. What are the full names of your father's or mother's (on the Vail side) brothers and sisters?
25. Whom did they marry?
26. How many children have each of them?
27. Where do any of them now reside, or what is their present address?
28. What is the full name of your grandfather on the Vail side?
29. What is the full name of your grandmother on the Vail side?
30. Are there any Vails, or descendants of Vails in your neighborhood, # or residing elsewhere, whose address you can send me and with whom I may correspond?

I have thus briefly and as distinctly as possible exhibited the present progress and condition of the Records of Danl. Vail's descendants. This is done that those interested may use such diligence and means in their power as may put me in possession, before it is published, of such records as are needed to finish it as a whole, and make it the most perfect record of the kind ever undertaken.

I have this offer to make to all those who have, and who will furnish the records of their own or other families still wanting, and who pre-### prepay their postage and give me their full address, that I will as soon as the collection is finished publish it in pamphlet form, and mail to each family a copy. I have not the address of every family and I hope all will see the necessity of being assured that I have it. To a very few, to whom I have written already some three times without success, I shall not after their receipt of this, again address them unless they reply. As soon as possible the work will be committed to the press. A limited number of copies will be printed, only sufficient to supply each family on the conditions above stated. But such a number of extra copies may be engaged as any may choose to order, to whom they will be furnished at cost.

I would remind my correspondents that the success of this enterprise is mainly due to the promptness with which they have given me the address of their fathers, mothers, children, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, cousins, and other relatives; and not least, the address of those who bear our name or have descended from some ancestor of our name, but who are not known to be in any way related. Without this aid I could not have advanced a step. It is impossible for me to travel over the whole extent of the United States and the Canadas and collect these records. The work would never have been commenced had such a labour been required. I would therefore urgently solicit of every one to give me the address now or any time hereafter of every person who are descendants.

I would also earnestly request that there should be furnished for the work a brief biographical sketch of the life of deceased ancestors, both paternal and maternal, embracing the history of their lives, the places of their residence, and where they were buried; their religious belief, their profession or business, &c, &c. Such an account for each one will greatly relieve the monotony of names and dates and give individuality to each person.

Yours with great respect,
ALFRED VAIL.

Morristown, Morris County, N. J. Dec. 10, 1853
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ORANGE COUNTY VAILS

This class is so named for the reason that the three most remote ancestors, who were brothers, viz:- JOSIAH, SAMUEL, AND BENJAMIN VAIL, settled in Orange County, New York, and brought up their families and died there. There is still a large number of Vails scattered about the County, descendants of this ancestry. It is traditional among the descendants that these three brothers or their father came from Wales. It is, however, more certain that they came to Orange County from Long Island. It is very lamentable that among the numerous and intelligent children of these pioneers so little should have been handed down in relation to their forefathers, and the incidents and perils of those early times, which demanded stout hearts and unflinching nerves. We trust that there may yet be found some new facts, even traditional, which will light up the darkness of that period and history of those hardy and brave men of early times. We need to know whether these three brothers had other brothers and any sisters, and where they settled and who are now their descendants. We also wish to know what was the name of these three brothers parents, where they lived and died, and such items of their lives as may enable us to connect them with some of the other great Classes of Vails, to which they are, without doubt, related. It would aid us much to have the date of their birth, marriage, and death, and anything recorded, or traditional which has any historical bearing.

1 JOSIAH married Patience Corwin, and had 1 ISAIH, 2 DANIEL, 3 JOHN, 4 PHEBE, 5 IRENE.

2 SAMUEL married , it is supposed, Hannah Petty, and had 1 GILBERT, 2 MICHAEL, 3 PHEBE, 4 EXPERIENCE, and 5 HANNAH.

3 BENJAMIN married ---- Alsop, and had 1 WILLIAM, 2 JOHN, 3 BENJAMIN, 4 MARY, and 5 LYDIA.

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JOSIAH the 1st ANCESTOR.

ISAIH married Abigail Meeker , and had 1 OBADIAH, 2 MARY, 3 JOSIAH, 4 PHEBE, 5 IRENE, 6 NATHANIEL, 7 ISAIH, 8 ABIGAIL, 9 JOHN, 10 SAMUEL, and 11 GEORGE W.

1 OBADIAH married Mary Cory; and there is nothing yet received beyond this of his records or his children. 2 MARY married 1st, Moses Smith, and had John, Hoseph, and Irene, whose records and those of their children are wanting; and married, 2nd, Asa Dobson, and had Clarissa and James; their records are incomplete, and their married children's records are almost all of them incomplete and without dates. 3 JOSIAH married, 1st, Meriam Smith, and married, 2nd, Mary Horton, and had Moses, Luther, David, Samuel, and Mariah; the records of Moses and his children are all wanting. The others are complete. 4 PHEBE married Enos Smith and had Luther, Isaih, Mary, Sarah, Abigail, Nathaniel, William, John, Irene and Phebe; the records of this large family and their children are complete, but some of their grandchildren's are still wanting. 5 IRENE married Enos Mapes, and had Nathaniel, Meriam, James, Mary, Abner, John, Moses, Hilda, Siana, Isaih, and Gabriel; the records of Abner, Mary, John, Siana, and Isaiah are complete. Those of Nathaniel, Moses, and Gabriel are unfinished and those of the others are entirely wanting. 6 NATHANIEL married Mary Little, and had Hannah; all their records are needed. 7 ISAIH married 1st, Hannah Horton, and had Lebeus, Julia, Dolly, Oliver, Nathaniel, James and William; and married 2nd, Anna Vail, daughter of William; the records of Lebeus, James, and William are complete. The others are entirely wanting. 8 ABIGAIL married Ebenezer Mills, and had Isaac, Isaiah, Sally, Phebe, Samuel, and Harry; their records and those of their children wanting. 9 JOHN married Keturah Dunning, and had Harriet, Benoni and Alonzo; their records are complete. 10 SAMUEL married, 1st, Hila Gale, and had Matilda, and married 2nd, Dolly Gale, and had children; and this is all we know of them or their descendants. 11 GEORGE W. married, 1st, --- Gale, and had Theophilus, Lewis, Henry, Benjamin, George, Jane and Amelia; and married, 2nd, Mary Taylor and had Mary; the records of Theophilus and Lewis are all we have of this family and their children.

2 DANIEL married Elizabeth Smith, and had 1 DOROTHY, 2 ELIZABETH, 3 DANIEL, 4 PATIENCE, 5 JEREMIAH, 6 PHEBE, and 7 MIRIAM.

1 DOROTHY married, 1st, James Armstrong, and had John, Jane, Daniel, and Anna; married, 2nd, Thomas Ferrell, and had Timothy, Thomas, and James. Daniel's records are complete, Anna's, Jane's, and Thomas's are nearly so, the others are wholly wanting. 2 ELIZABETH married Jacob Chandler and had Arza, Betsey, and Thirza; their records and their children's wanting. 3 DANIEL married Sarah Bacon, and had Betsey, Lucius, Daniel, Smith, Sally and Miriam; their records are finished. 4 PATIENCE married 1st, Isaac Chandler, and 2nd, --- Turner; their records all wanting, as well as those of their children, &c. 5 JEREMIAH married Sarah Johnson and had Marinda, Almira, Malinda, Sandford, Zerah, Daniel, Peter, Matilda, and Electa; Marinda's records wholly wanting, Almira's partly finished, the others are finished. 6 PHEBE married Elisha Strong, and

had John, Harriet and Phebe; of these records all are wanting except John's. 7 MIRIAM married Elijah Lindsay, and had Ira, Daniel, Mary, Cortland, Truman, Josiah, Darius, Charles, Almond and Celinda; Ira's and Daniel's records only are complete, all the others are as yet a blank for the purpose of this work.

3 JOHN married -- --, and had no children.

4 PHEBE married 1 William Vail, son of Ancestor 3 Benjamin- see 3 Benjamin and 1 William.

5 IRENE is said never to have married.

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SAMUEL, the 2nd ANCESTOR.

1 GILBERT married Hannah Arnot and had 1 JULIA, 2 SAMUEL, 3 JOSEPH, 4 SALLY, 5 PHEBE, 6 ESTHER, 7 HANNAH, and 8 POLLY.

1 JULIA married Conklin Smith. This is all we have yet been able to gather of their records or their descendants.

2 SAMUEL married Hannah Dunning and had DEBORAH, GILBERT, SAMUEL, JAMES JOHN, AMRON, PHEBE, JACOB, JULIA, WILLIAM, HANNAH, and HORA. Gilbert's, James, Amron's, and Phebe's records are finished. Samuel's nearly so. The others wholly wanting. 3 JOSEPH married Julia Smith. Their records and those of their children are not yet in my possession. 4 SALLY married Benjamin Webb. This is all of their records. 5 PHEBE married Samuel Harlow. This is all of their records in my hands. 6 ESTHER married 1st, James Finch and had Hannah, Phebe, Benjamin, and James; and married 2nd, Christian Shous and had Jane, Mary, Julia, Eliza, Arminda, Sarah, Hester and Ruth. The records of James Finch's children altogether ~~#####~~ wanting. The records of Mr. Shous' children all quite complete, a few dates wanting in the records of the grand-children's families. 7 HANNAH married Joshua S. Roe and had Isaac, Mary, ~~####~~ Henry, Alfred, Sarah, Phebe, Christiana and Frances. The records of only Phebe and Christiana completed. The others wholly wanting. 8 POLLY married David Sweezey. Their records entirely wanting.

2 MICHAEL married Mary Danes and had 1 WILMOT, 2 MICAH, 3 EXPERIENCE, 4 PHEBE, and 5 HANNAH.

1 WILMOT married -- --, and had David, Peter, Arminda, and Polly; their records are not wanting, and their children's are almost complete, being deficient in some names and ~~#####~~ dates.

2 MICAH married , 1st, Esther Stanson, and had Samuel, Wilmot, Mowbray, Patience, Joshua, Mary, Harvey, Jonathon, Phebe and Daniel; and married, 2nd, Lucinda O'Brine, and had Hiram, William and George; of these the records of Mary, Jonathan, Phebe, Daniel, Hiram, William, and George are complete. Patience's is complete except some of her children's, the others are wanting.

3 EXPERIENCE married Silas Horton and had Silas, Elihu, Samuel, Mathias, Barnabas, Experience, Mary, Lucretia, Hannah, Abby and Netty;

this is all I have yet received of them or their descendants.

4 PHEBE married David Horton, and this is all we yet know of them or their descendants.

5 HANNAH married William Carpenter, and this is all we have of their records and their children.

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BENJAMIN, the third ANCESTOR

1 WILLIAM married Phebe Vail, daughter of Josiah, thr 1st Ancestor, and had 1 ASA, 2 WILLIAM, 3 DAVID, 4 ABSOLEM, 5 JOSIAH, 6 BENJAMIN, 7 JOSEPH 8 JEMIMA, 9 PATIENCE, 10 PHEBE, 11 IRENE, 12 MARY, 13 MARTHA, and 14 Ann.

1 ASA married Sarah Smith, and had William, Ira, Asa, Eaton, Benjamin, Simeon, Hannah, Sarah, Phebe, Irene, and Daniel; of these the records of William, Ira, Asa, Benjamin, and Irene are complete, the others are entirely wanting. 2 WILLIAM married Ruth Mapes, and had Elizabeth, Azubah, Mary, Fanny, Nathan, Arthur, Phebe, Daniel, William, and Emily; their records and their children's completed. 3 DAVID married, 1st Elizabeth Smith, and had John, Phebe, Azubah, Hannah, Elizabeth, Huldah, William, Cynthia, David and Martha; and married, 2nd, Sally Mozier; the records of all these except Azubah's are finished. 4 ABSOLEM married 1st Keziah Kinner, and had Phebe, John, Hiram, Martha, Anthony, Austin, Absolem and Asa; and 2nd, Margaretta Woodruff; their records are complete. 5 JOSIAH died young. 6 BENJAMIN married Clemence H. Knapp, and had Walter, Mary, William, Samuel, Elizabeth, Nathaniel, John, and James; their records are complete. 7 JOSEPH married Ann Conkling, and had James, William, Louisa, Emeline, and Elmira; the records of Louisa alone are complete. 8 JEMIMA married Richard Jennings; and this is all we have yet received of their own or their children's records. 9 PATIENCE married Usher H. Moore, and had William, Lois, and Stephen; William's records are complete, but his children's are not; Lois' records are complete, and her children's nearly so; Stephen's are complete, and his children's almost. 10 PHEBE married Erastus Mapes, and had Seth, Amzi, Josiah, Returah, Daniel, Irena and Benjamin; the records of this family are complete. 11 IRENE married Eden Smith, and this is all we have of their records. 12 MARY married, 1st, Jonathan King, and had Hiram and a daughter; and married, 2nd, William Coleman; Hiram's records alone are complete. 13 MARTHA died unmarried. 14 ANN married Isaiah Vail, son of Isaiah son of Josiah 1 Ancestor.

2 JOHN married -- --, and had 1 MARY, 2 JOHN, 3 ELEANOR, 4 ABRAHAM, and 5 LYDIA.

1 MARY married Joseph Brewster, and had Mary, Sally, Hannah, Joseph, Henry, Jane, Eliza, and Clarissa; of these the records of Joseph and Eliza alone are complete, the others are altogether wanting. 2 JOHN died young. 3 ELEANOR married Joseph Conkling, and this is all we have of their records or those of their descendants. 4 ABRAHAM married Esther Rockwell, and had John, Jonathan, Constant, Eleanor, Abraham, Esther, James, Hannah Benjamin, Thomas, Sally, Mary, Almira, Peter and Eliza; the records of John, Abraham, Peter, Eliza, Constant and Thomas alone are complete, the others are wholly wanting. 5 LYDIA died unmarried.

3 BENJAMIN married Elizabeth Stillwell, and had 1 ELEANOR, 2 ALSOP, 3

MARY, 4 JOHN, 5 JULIA, 6 ISAAC, 7 ELIZABETH, and 8 BENJAMIN.

1 ELEANOR married Hezekiah Woodward, and had Benjamin, Thomas, Susanna, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Susan, Alsop, Hezekiah and John; Benjamin's records are not complete; his son Charles' are finished, the others incomplete, Eleanor's ~~finished~~ finished, Elizabeth's finished and her children's except William, Hezekiah's complete, all others till a blank. 2 ALSOP married Frances Seyboldt, and had Mary, Elizabeth, Alsop, Frances, Benjamin, Catharine, David, Lydia, Nancy, Eleanor, Sarah, and Jane; of all these none are complete but Alsop, all the others still remain a blank. 3 MARY married William Tyler, and had Mary, Benjamin, Jesse, Julia, Oliver, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Elizabeth, Alsop, John and Joseph; of all these John's and Benjamin's are complete, the others wholly wanting- Benjamin's children's records are wanting. 4 JOHN married Hannah Woodward, and this is all we have of his or his descendants' records. 5 JULIA married John Corwin, and had Isaac, John, Elizabeth, Samuel, Jackson, Abraham, Julia, Esther, Harvey, Archy, Peter, William, David, and Julia; the records of parents and children, and all their descendants wholly wanting. 6 ISAAC married Hannah Welsh, and had Caroline, Azubah, George, Charles, Maria, Benjamin, and Elizabeth; their records complete. 7 ELIZABETH married William Baird, and had Clarissa Emily, Cynthia, Alexander, Eliza, Benjamin, and Maria; of these Clarissa's Eliza's, and Benjamin's records alone are complete. 8 BENJAMIN died young.

4 MARY married Capt. John Payne, and had 1 JOHN, 2 MARY, 3 LUCRETIA, 4 JULIA, 5 JOSEPH, 6 FRANCES, and 7 HANNAH.

1 JOHN married -- Jackson, and this is all we know of them. 2 MARY died young. 3 LUCRETIA died unmarried. 4 JULIA married David Walkin, and had 4 children, and this is all we know of them. 5 JOSEPH died unmarried. 6 FRANCES married Joshua W. Wood, and their records are a blank. 7 HANNAH died unmarried.

Thus I have endeavored to exhibit the present condition of the records of the descendants of these three Ancestors. I have undertaken this work without any prospect or desire of remuneration. I have to many whom I now address, written two or three times without even the acknowledgment of its receipt. With very many I have had a very pleasant, encouraging, and successful correspondence; and ~~through the mail~~ though now strangers to me and I to them, except through the mail, still I hope the time may be when I may be enabled to make their personal acquaintance. The time has now arrived when I must try this last effort to induce those who have not sent me their records to do so, if not for my own gratification, still for those of their kindred, and for the sake of perfecting this work. All will see what yet remains to be accomplished, and my efforts will still be cheerfully given to labor at the compilation if it be but seconded by those who are more deeply interested than myself. Send me, if you please, the address of such persons as can give me the records of those families that are still wanting. I may have their wrong address, and that may be the reason why my letters have not, in this case, been answered.

Our purpose is to collect, so far as we have the approbation and co-operation of each individual addressed, the genealogy and record of every family, who are descendants of this CLASS of VAILS. We commenced this work some seven years hence, with that design, and we hope to accomplish it; but our success must depend entirely upon the good will and good aid, speedily and fully rendered, by those who can and have the power, as well as the knowledge of their own and other family history and genealogical facts. When we have obtained these necessary records, and have possessed ourselves of all those facts which the parties choose to give us, to make such individual memoirs as are deemed interesting, we shall publish such genealogical records of this CLASS and the descendants, in a pamphlet, AND MAIL A COPY TO EVERY PERSON WHO HAS ANSWERED OUR REQUESTS, WHO HAVE GIVEN US THEIR FAMILY RECORDS, AND WHOSE FULL ADDRESS WE HAVE.

We can furnish, to those who desire to use them, any number of our blank questions, either with the 1st page, or 1st and 2nd page. A very little time would suffice to finish this work, if each one would inform me what they know of their relatives; giving me such facts as are asked for by the questions. If nothing more, they could give me the full address of such of their relatives as they can, and if I have not written to them I can do so.

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ALFRED VAIL.

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THE HUNTINGTON CLASS OF VAILS

I denominate those coming under the class HUNTINGTON, since the most remote knowledge of have of their progenitor is, that he first settled in Huntington, Long Island. This class is the most magnificent, if I may use that word, of any of the ~~####~~ some 18 Classes whose records I am collecting. I estimate the number of MOSES VAIL'S descendants at 8000. It may be and probably is more and nearer 10,000. It would be deeply interesting to know the history of Moses and his Ancestors, and I have no doubt that I shall find them to have been men of Highest moral worth and distinguished for their virtue, temperance, and piety. If I reason from scripture, it must be so. Read ~~#~~ the 128th Psalm. I admit the world, as it is now, cannot appreciate such a blessing, nevertheless the word of the Lord, as well as his unchangeable laws standeth sure and forever. I have an unconquerable desire to collect the records of every family who are the descendants of this distinguished ancestor, and I earnestly hope I may receive the co-operation of every person who can claim the honor of being his child. Here I cannot enlarge. It is not my purpose now to give you ~~#~~ his history or that of his descendants. I propose only to show you the progress I have made after much labor and repeated solicitations, and to incite you to aid me in this most arduous work, by giving me such information as each and every one are possessed of, viz: your records;- the addresses of your relatives, that I may correspond with them;- and every traditional fact recorded and pertaining to the history of your forefathers.

I am informed that GEORGE VAIL who was born in England, emigrated to this country and settled on Long Island about the year 1680. It is also stated that Micah, his grandson and a Colonel in the Revolution, was once nominated for Governor of the State of Vermont. He went from Long Island to Dutchess County, ~~#####~~ and there resided for a time, and afterwards removed to Danby, Vermont. I am also informed by those of Dutchess County, that Micah settled in Danby, Vermont, and had the brothers and sisters named in the will accompanying this pa-

per, and that Moses and Platt settled on Long Island; and John and Joseph in Cortdlandt Manor, Westchester county. I now proceed to give briefly the progress made in collecting their records.

JOHN, the first child, settled in Courdtland Manor, Westchester Co. His records and history remains a blank to me. I have not as yet been able to obtain from any one of this class any information in regard to his marriage, the names of his children, or the address of their descendants. For this I am now waiting and exceedingly anxious to possess myself of, and trust I may not solicit it in vain.

JOSEPH, the second child, is said to have settled in Westchester, Co., N. Y. He had a commission under General John Jay in the Revolution. JOSEPH married Rachel ----, and had 1 Isaac, 2 Jesse, 3 Joseph, 4 Mary, 5 Joseph 2nd, 6 Deborah, 7 Daniel, 8 Nancy, 9 Phebe, 10 Hannah, 11 Susannah, 12 Nathaniel.

Of these ISAAC married Hester Buckhout and had 1 Joseph and Rachel. JOSEPH married Deborah Norris and had 1 Isaac, 2 Susan, 3 Abraham, 4 Joseph, 5 William, 6 Jane, 7 Mariah, and 8 Platt. The records of only 3, 4, 5, 7 are complete, all the others are still wanting. Rachel married William H. Van Voorhies, and I learn indirectly that they had 1 Isaac, 2 Hannah, 3 Elias, 4 Hester, 5 Joseph, 6 William, 7 Westbrook, 8 Rachel, and 9 Julia. The parent's and children's records are still a blank to me. 2 JESSE married ---, and had 1 Nathaniel, 2 John, 3 Daniel, 4 Isaac, 5 Hetty, 6 Susan, 7 Phebe, 8 Betsey, and 9 Jane. All their records are wanting. 3 JOSEPH married -----, and had 1 James, 2 Joseph, 3 Mary, 4 Sarah, 5 Hannah, and 6 Amy. Of all the other 9 children of JOSEPH, the second Ancestor, I have as yet obtained no tidings. If there are any to whom this may come, who can throw any light upon the darkness, and give me the information of any of the descendants of this second Ancestor I would be very much obliged to have it.

PLATT, the third child, is said to have settled on Long Island. PLATT married Susannah Thurston and had 1 Samuel, 2 Platt, 3 Sarah, 4 Susannah, 5 Mary, 6 Philetus, 7 Ebenezer, 8 Lettea, 9 Moses, 10 Elizabeth and 11 Phebe.

Of these SAMUEL married Mary Hodges and had 1 John, 2 Mary, 3 Susannah, 4 Deborah, 5 Elizabeth, 6 Irena, 7 Platt, 8 Rhoda, and 9 Samuel. 1 JOHN married Sarah Smith and had 1 Aaron, 2 Harvey, 3 Elizabeth, 4 Edward, 5 Sarah, 6 Mary, 7 Jeremiah. The records of these are complete. 2 MARY is said to have married Melanthen Rodgers and this is all I know of her or her children. 3 SUSANNA and 4 DEBORAH died young. 5 ELIZABETH married Asa Chichester and had Mary, Susan, Abigail, Elizabeth, and John, and this is all I have yet received of them. 6 IRENA is unmarried. 7 PLATT married Hannah Smith and had Susan, Egbert and Hannah. Their records are complete except a few items. 8 RHODA married Josiah Smith, and I have nothing more. 9 SAMUEL is unmarried.

2 Platt married Keziah Weeks of Wick, and had 1 Sarah, 2 Deborah, 3 Elizabeth, 4 Philetus, 5 Moses, and 6 Ezra.

1 SARAH married John Bush and had Thomas, Phebe, and Amena, and then married Mr. Rodgers. Their records are very incomplete. 2 DEBORAH married Thomas Brush, and this is all I know of them. 3 ELIZABETH married Samuel Keleey, and had Dewitt and then married Thomas Brush. Their records are very incomplete. 4 PHILETUS married Abigail Goddard and had George, Mary, Harriet, Susan, and Philetas. The parents and

children's records are altogether wanting. 5 MOSES married ##### Almy C. Brush and had Phebe, Emeline, Abel, Sarah, and George. Their records are all complete. 6 EZRA married Matilda Arthur and had Hiram Platt, Henry and Elizabeth. Of these none but the latter is complete. Of the other 9 children of PLATT, I as yet have received no intelligence.

MICAH, the fourth child, settled first in Dutchess Co., N. Y. MICAH married Mary Briggs and had 1 DEBORAH, 2 HANNAH, 3 LOUISA, 4 EUNICE, 5 MOSES, 6 JOHN, 7 PHEBE, 8 LUCRETIA and 9 EDWARD.

1 DEBORAH married Thomas Allen and had 1 John, 2 Edward, 3 Whitey, 4 Eunice, 5 Mary, 6 George, 7 Clinton, and 8 Thomas. 1 JOHN married Louisa Lee and had George, Henry, Carlisle, Louisa, Almira and Mary. Their records are complete. 2 EDWARD married Sarah Hazen and this is all I know of their records. 3 WHITEY married Anne Roberts and this is all I have. 4 EUNICE married Horace Olds and had Mary and Appy. 5 MARY married John Nichols and had Frederick, Elizabeth, Roderic, and Sarah. Their records are wanting. 6 GEORGE married Almira Olds and had Horace, Thomas, Henry, and George. Their records are wanting. 7 CLINTON married Zilpha Winchell and had Mary, Caroline, Augustus, Martin, Ursula and Martin 2nd. The records of the father are complete. Those of the children are not. 8 THOMAS died unmarried.

2 HANNAH married Isaac Gage and this is all I have respecting them. 3 Louisa married Reuben Arthur and this is all I have yet received of their records.

4 EUNICE married William Huddleton and beyond all is blank to me.

5 MOSES married Lucy Seely and had 1 Mary, 2 Micah, 3 Keziah, 4 Ephraim, 5 Edward, 6 Phebe, 7 Lucretia and Seely. 1 MARY married Gebina Gilbert. This is all I have. 2 MICAH married Lois Bostick and had Portius, Moses, Polly, Alson, Edward, Lucy, and Noble. The records of parents and children are wholly wanting. 3 KEZIAH married Jonathon Frost. 4 EPHRAIM married Sarah Avery. 5 EDWARD married Hannah ----. 6 PHEBE married Carkias ---. 7 LUCRETIA married Orange Martindale. 8 SEELY married Nancy Brown. Of all these I have nothing more. In order to make any progress I require their address or the address of some of their children or grandchildren.

6 JOHN married (1) Lois Allen, and (2nd) Catherine Wellen, and this is all I can present of their records.

7 PHEBE married Stephen Aldrick and had 1 Nancy, 2 Mary, 3 Canrilla, 4 Amy, 5 Phila, 6 Drusilla, 7 Moses, 8 Hannah, 9 Stephen. Their records are wholly wanting.

8 LUCRETIA married Col. Pliny Adams; and beyond this I have nothing.

9 EDWARD married Margaret Allen and had 1 Moses, 2 Ira, 3 John, 4 Allen, 5 Edward, 6 Micah, 7 Eunice, and 8 Sementha. 1 Moses married Louis Loddell and had Louis, Miranda, Edward, Angeleek, and Erastus. Their records are complete. 2 Ira married Hannah Randall and had William, Randall, Mary, Edwin, Sementha, Isaac, Anson, Louisa, Albert and Almond. Their records are all wanting. 3 John married Ruth Rodgers and had Margaret, Sylvia, Aaron, Lydia, Eunice, George, Moses, and Sementha. Their records are complete. 4 Allen married 1st Temperence Andrews and had John, Edward, Philanda, Alla, Maria, and Temperence; and married 2nd Polly Gregory and had Almira. Their records are wholly wanting. 5 Edward married Sally Herrick and had Sophronia, Margaret, Charity, Henry, Platt, Ira, William, Allen, Ruth, Sarah and Edwin. Their records are still wanting. 6 Micah married Betsey Herrick and had Moses, Lucretia, Henry, Anson, Elisha, Charles, Margaret, Charity, Sally, Ann and Elikim. Their records are still wanting. 7 Eunice married Stephen Otis and had Harris and Margaret.

Their records are wanting. Sementha married David Lapham and had John, Paulina, Edward and Margaret. Their records are still required. It will greatly aid me if those who can, will send the address of all such as they know are of these families whose records I need.

ISAAC the fifth child settled at Beekman, now Union Vale, Dutchess Co., N. Y. ISAAC married Levina Ketchum and had 1 ISRAEL, 2 PHEBE, 3 THOMAS, 4 REBECCA, 5 MOSES, 6 MARY, 7 ELIAS, and 8 HEPSABETH. 1 ISRAEL married Eleanor DeLong and had 1 Levina, 2 Mary, 3 Hannah, 4 Rachel, 5 Micah, 6 Isaac, 7 Diana, 8 Phebe, 9 Sarah, 10 Thomas, and 11 Peter. 1 Levina married Peter Halleck. 2 Mary married James Losee. 3 Hannah married John Cookingham. 4 Rachel married David Hoag. This is all I have of these four families. 5 Micah married Mary Germond and had Horatio, Israel, Edward, Mary, Caroline, Smith, Phebe, and Phebe 2nd. Their records except for Horatio are incomplete and wanting. 6 Isaac married Catharine Scadder. 7 Diana married Isaac Vervalen. Their records are altogether wanting. 8, 9, 10, and 11 are unmarried.

2 PHEBE married Gilbert Vincent and had 1 Isaac, 2 Absolem, 3 Rebecca, 4 Lavinia, 5 Jonathan, 6 Leonard, 7 Thomas, 8 Elizabeth, 9 Margaret, 10 Michael, 11 Richard, 12 Phebe, and 13 Hepsabeth. 1 Isaac married Martha Dunkin and had Gilbert, Mary, Cordelia, David, Edwin, Caroline, Jason, and Phebe. Their records are wanting, except Gilbert's. 3 and 4 are unmarried. 5 Jonathan married Loretta Williams and had Elizabeth, Rebecca, John, William, Gilbert, Lewis, Michael, and Mary. Their records are complete. 6 Leonard married Elizabeth Ellis and had Elinore and Dimmis. Their records are wanting. 7 Thomas married Eliza Arnold and had Arnold, Almada and Rhoda. Their records are complete. 8 Elizabeth married Huestis and had Egbert and Jane. Their records are wanting. 9 Margaret married John W. Potter and had Jane and Thomas, all of whose records are finished. 10 Michael married Elizabeth Carey and had Edward, Henry, Samuel, Hepsabeth and Michael. Their records are altogether wanting. 11 Richard married Helen Fowler and had Joseph, Leonard, Dwilt, Mary, and Phebe. Their records are still wanting. 12 Phebe married Richard M. Gemond and had Franklin, Lavinia, Gilbert, Sarah, Phebe, and Mary. Their records are wanting. 13 Hepsabeth married Jonathan E. Wheeler and had Lavinia and Phebe. Their records are finished.

3 THOMAS married Sarah Losee and this is all I have of their records. 4 REBECCA married Thomas White and had Isaac, Lavinia, Joseph, Abner, Maria, Ruth, Hepsabeth, James, and Moses, and this is all I have to present of the records of these families.

5 MOSES married Phebe Losee and had 1 James, 2 Stephen, 3 Thomas, 4 Isaac, 5 John, 6 Platt, 7 Lavinia, 8 Mary, 9 Elias, 10 Simon, 11 Moses. 1 James married Ann Montford and had Stephen, Moses, Albert, Isaac, Elizabeth, Susan, Phebe, Cordelia, and James. Their records are finished. 2 Isaac married Rebecca Vail and had George, whose records are still wanting. 3 Stephen died young. 4 Thomas married Susan Ann Barlow and had Elisha, Phebe, Maria, Caroline, and Louisa. All of whose records are wanting. 5 John married Elizabeth Vincent and had Sarah, Matilda, Loretta, Samuel, Mary, Martha, Rebecca, Stephen, James, and George. The parents records are quite finished. The children's are wanting if married. 6 Platt married Armelia Ann Davis and had Ruth, James, Julia, Lavinia, Moses and Jesse. Their records are nearly complete. 7 Lavinia married Tunis Van Benschoten and had Phebe, Mary, Elizabeth, Catharine, Moses, and Amelia. Their records are finished. 8 Mary married Levi Vincent and had Phebe, Isaac, De-

borah, Gideon, Lavina, Thomas, Platt, Edward, Albert, and Chester. Their records are complete unless some of the children are married. 9 Elias married Jane Ann Cook and had Franklin, Helen, Phebe, Mary, and Wellington. Their records quite complete. 10 Simon married Mary L. Potter and had Henrietta, Frederick, Edwin, Clarence, Alice and Eveline. His records are incomplete. 11 Moses married Hester May Bussing. Their records are complete. 8 Mary married Samuel Germond and had Ann Hepsabeth, Isaac, Lavinia, James, Phebe, Jane, Almira, Mary and Susan. Their records are wanting. 7 Elias married Hannah Dunkin and had David, Simeon, Egbert, Mary, Jenner, Alexander, Thomas, John, Lavinia, Milan, Sarah and Elias. Their records are still wanting. 8 Hepsabeth married Samuel Losee and had Isaac, Lavinia, Thompson, Stephen, Sally, and Samuel. Their records are still wanting.

ISRAEL, the sixth child, settled at Beekman, now Union Vale, Dutchess Co., N. Y. He served in the Revolution as Captain, and took part in the battle of White Plains. ISRAEL married Rebecca Hubbard and had 1 MARY, 2 ISAAC, 3 PHEBE, 4 LAVINIA, 5 SARAH, 6 SUSANNAH, 7 ESTHER, 8 PLATT, 9 JOSEPH, and 10 ISRAEL.

1 MARY married William Hall and had 1 Mary, 2 John, 3 Abigail, 4 Rebecca, 5 Isaac, 6 Israel, 7 Gideon, 8 William, and 9 Benjamin.

1 Mary's records are wanting. 2 John married Mary Wait and had Catharine, Mary, Phebe, Rebecca, Helen, Pauline, Abigail, Sarah, Platt, John, Frederick, Ruth and Lavinia. John's records and those of his married children, as well as those of his brothers and sisters are wholly wanting.

3 CATHARINE married Uriah Smith and had 1 Stephen married Susan Van Ornan and had Harriet. 2 Abraham married Elizabeth Hamon. The records of the two sons are not complete.

4 ALLEN married Elizabeth Tuthill and had 1 ~~Minerva~~ Minerva, who married Jonas Abbot and had Ellen, Lucian, Edgar, Catharine, and Allen. Their records are complete. 2 Catharine, 3 Harriett, 4 Frances, married Jarvis Leonard and had Caroline, Charlotte and Mary. Their records are finished; 5 Allen married Wealthy Cilley and had Agnes, Martha, Henry and Washington. Records not perfect. 6 Julia married Dr. James S. Skinner. Their records are finished. 7 Abraham 8 Mary.

5 JOSHUA Y. married Maria M. Tuthill and had 1 Solon J. Y. married Sally Lias and had Sarah. 2 Anna married Zoroaster Fisk and had James 3 Jackson married 1st Abby Langdon and had Hellen, and married 2nd Sarah H. Angier and had John. 4 Mary married Nathaniel P Brooks and had John. 5 Eunice married Horace G. Story and had Ellen and Fanny. 6 Laura married Henry H. Deming and had Charles; 7 Caroline married David T. Knapp; 8 Oscar; 9 Julia. The records of these are all complete.

6 EUNICE married Amos Wood and had 1 Youngs married Julia McGee and had Joanna and Emma; 2 Mary; 3 Sylvester married Laura Conant and had Mary; 4 Cynthia; 5 Thomas; 6 Elizabeth married William W. Gibson and had Mary; 7 Frances; 8 Martha; these persons records are finished. DAVID the third child died about about 1800 at Orient. This is all I have yet ascertained respecting his history and genealogy. Any information respecting him and his descendants, if he had any, will be very acceptable.

STEPHEN, the fourth child.

He lived, brought up his family and died at Orient, L. I. He married Hannah ---, and had 1 STEPHEN, 2 THOMAS, 3 JOSEPH, and 4 DANIEL.

1 STEPHEN married Ruth Terry and had 1 Ruth married Daniel Moore. Their records are entirely wanting. 2 Stephen died young; Lydia

married Jeremiah Youngs. Their records are wanting. 4 Hannah married Abraham Racket. Their records are wanting. 5 Deziah married Haven Racket; nothing more received of their records; 6 Elizabeth married Samuel Racket; their records are wanting; 7 Lucretia died young; 8 Mahetable died unmarried; 9 Jonathan unmarried; 10 David married Patience Wiggins, their records incomplete- and had Daniel, John, George, William, Sophronia, Mary, Benjamin, Elizabeth and Adeline; 11 Mehetable 2nd died young; 12 Panal married John Wiggins. Their records are incomplete.

2 THOMAS I have received no intelligence.

3 JOSEPH, none of his records received.

4 DANIEL. His records are unknown to me.

PETER, the fifth child.

He settled, lived and died at Riverhead, L. I. He married Martha--- and had NATHANIEL, 2 PETER, 3 SILAS, 4 JAMES, 5 LYDIA, 6 ESTHER, 7 MARY, 8 MEHETABLE and 9 SARAH. Their records are incomplete.

1 NATHANIEL married Irena Rayna and had 1 John married Maria Fickett and had Josiah, James, John, Adelia, Angeline, John 2nd, Cordelia, Ralph, Angeline 2nd, Adeline 2nd, and George. Their records are finished. 2 Roseman married Stephen Perkin Their records are wanting. 3 Elmina married Jacob B. Clark. Their records are wanting. 4 Albro married Susan Albin and had William, Nathaniel, Irena, Theodore, Albro and Alonzo. Their records nearly complete. 5 William married ---- Rismer, and this is all I have of their records. 6 Stephen. This is all I have of his records. 7 George married --- ---. Their records are wanting. 8 Sarah married Skidmore Gore. Their records are not in my hands.

2 PETER married Thankful Griffin and had 1 Peter married Sarah T. Luther, records complete, and had Delia married Daniel Chase, and had 1 John married Phidelia Stilson; 2 David, 3 Elisha, 4 Silas, 5 Phidelia, and 6 Brewster. Their records are finished. 2 Charles married Mary Stilson and had Sarah. 3 Tracy married Catharine W. Ward and had Zelia and Rosaltha. 4 William married Esther Janes and had Judson. 5 Mary married her brother in law, Daniel Chase and had Louisa. 6 Sarah. 2 John married 1st Elizabeth Edwards; 2nd Deborah Fournier, and 3rd --- ---. Their records and those of their children have not yet been received. 3 Sarah married Benjamin Corwin and had Conklin, Wickham, Charles, Mary, Maria, Nancy, Elma and Jane. Their records are wanting. 4 Jasper married 1st Mahetable Halsey and 2nd Sophronia Edwards and 3rd Mary Havens. Their records and those of their children are wanting. 5 Thankful married Wells Terry, their records are wanting. 6 Charles married Elizabeth Van Houten and had William, Peter, Eliza, Sarah, Hiram, Louisa, Nancy, Jane, James, Susan, and Daniel. Their records are complete. Martha married Josiah Goddard. Record are wanting. 8 Gamaliel married Harriet Wells and had 1 David, who married Elizabeth A. Penny and had Henry, Mary, and Elizabeth. Their records complete. Ann married William Webb. Their records wanting. 3 Matilda. 4 Sarah married Richard Benjamin. Their records wanting. Henrietta. The records of all these persons are wanting except David. 9 Silas married Persey Jennings and had Silas, Jean net and Martha. Their records are wanting.

SILAS married Elizabeth Youngs and had ##### 1 Elizabeth married A. Washburn, records incomplete, and had Franklyn, married M. A. Pond, records wanting. 2 Franklyn married C. M. Hawley and had Catharine married W. W. Wright records of both incomplete.

4 JAMES, unmarried and records wanting.

- 5 LYDIA, unmarried and records wanting.
 - 6 ESTHER, married Samuel Faber. Their records are wanting.
 - 7 MARY, married David Wiggins, and I am still without their records.
 - 8 MEHETABLE, married Thomas Wiggins, and their records are needed.
 - 9 SARAH. Her records are wanting.
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JOSHUA, the sixth child.

He died, perhaps in early life, with the smallpox. I have received nothing further in relation to him or his family, if he was ever married.

JEREMIAH, the seventh child.

He settled at Orient. His records are wanting. He married Elizabeth Glover and had 1 JONATHAN, 2 NATHANIEL, 3 JOSHUA, 4 SAMUEL, and 5 JEREMIAH.

1 JONATHAN married Grace Beebe and had 1 Jeremiah died unmarried.
2 Elizabeth married John Baker. Their records wholly wanting. 3 Grace married Elisha Sisson and had 1 Alven, married Betsey Ann Terry and had John and Charles. 2 Elnora married Daniel Harris and had ~~Mary~~ Mary, Lucretia, Joseph, Lydia, Sarah, Alvin, Daniel, William, James, Clarissa and Edward. 3 Lucretia married Phineas Dean. 4 Clarissa married George W. Coursin. 5 Howitt married Angeline P Rachet. 6 Elisha died young. The records of these are complete. 4 Charles married Mary Richmond and had Benjamin married --- ---. Their records are wanting. 2 Mary married Alvah M. King and had Albert, Alvah, Mary and Charles. 3 Clarissa married Charles Reeve and had Jane. Achiah married William W. Hill and had Lucinda, William and Mary. 5 Sarah died young. 6 Charles married Sally A. Briggs and had Deborah. 7 Lucinda died young. Their records are complete. 5 Eunice married G amaliel King and had 1 Caroline married Jacob Vallance and had Emily, William Caroline and Jacob. 2 Jeremiah unmarried. 3 Mary married Albert P. Corwin and had James and Mary. 4 Laura married David Wiggins and had Harriet, Charles, Elizabeth and George. 5 Joel married Lucretia A. Glover and had Isabelle. 6 Grace married James C. Corwin. Their records are finished. 6 Polly married Samuel Newberry. Their records are complete. 7 Lucretia married Lester Newberry and had 1 Elinora married Maynard Baker and had Mercy, William, Polly and Lester. Their records are complete. 2 Mary, 3 Henry, 4 Hezekiah married Achsah Swezey. 5 Jason married Lucinda Shaw. 6 Harrison married Mary Amelia Carpenter. 7 Lucretia married Morris Vincent. 8 Roland. The records of all these are yet wanting. 8 Clarissa married Joshua Tuthill. Their records are wanting. 9 Temperance married Joseph Maynard. Their records are wanting. 10 Jonathan unmarried. 11 Benjamin died young. 2 NATHANIEL married Elizabeth Tuthill and had 1 Benjamin married Mary Spaulding. This is all I can show for their records. 2 Sarepta married Pierce Spalding and had 1 Caroline married 1st James F. Eldridge and had Ellen, and married 2nd Horace Fales. 2 Horatio married Mary Parkhurst and had Lucretia, Henry, Mary, Jason and Caroline. The records of these parties are complete. 3 Pierce married Augusta Miller. Their records are wanting. 4 Charles married Ellen E. Powers and had Caroline. Their records are finished. Huldah married Apolos Slocum and had 1 Carlos married Mrs. Foster and had Emily. 2 Sarepta unmarried. 3 Saloma married David C. Sherman and had Carlos and Clara. Their records are complete. 4 Laura married Herman Parkhurst. Their records are wanting. 5 Cynthia married Henry H. Brown; their records are wanting. 6 Elizabeth married Timothy Shephard and had 1 Charles unmarried. 2 Elizabeth married James S. Eaton and had Annie.

3 Marabah, 4 Emma, 5 Mary, and 6 Harriet. 7 Amanda married Lucius Gary. Their records are wanting.

3 JOSHUA married Jeremiah Petty and had 1 Hetty married Benah M. Cleaves and had 1 Thomas, who married Mary Talmage. Their records are wanting. 2 Harriet married Henry T. King and had Thomas, Louis and Cicero. Their records are complete. 3 Phebe unmarried. 2 Joshua died unmarried. 3 Jemima died unmarried. 4 Abraham married Susan Hand and had 1 David married 1st Sarah L. Bishop and had Charlotte married 2nd Maria L. Fordham. 2 Thomas married Elizabeth Comstock and had Mary. 3 Charlotte married William F. Halsey. 4 Rachel married John N. Fordham. The records of these 4 families are incomplete. 5 Mary, 6 Abraham, 7 Charles. These three died young; 8 Susan, 5 Martha died unmarried, 6 Thomas died unmarried. Henry married Dolly King and had 1 Hetta married Henry B. Haynes and had 1 William, 2 Henry, 3 Maria, who married Thomas H. Young. Their records are complete. 7 Sophronia married David Young. Their records are wanting. 4 SAMUEL married Hannah Petty. Their records are wanting, and had 1 Samuel married Roxanna Beebe and had 1 David married Sarah M. Brown and had Irene. 2 Anna married Lord Gillett and had Sarah. 3 Hannah died young. 4 Jeremiah, 5 George, 6 Hannah, 7 John, 8 Caroline. 2 William. Their records are complete.

JONATHAN the eighth child

He is believed to have died while young.

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MEHETABLE the ninth child.

She married Joseph Brown and were settled at Rocky Point, L. I. She had 1 ELIZABETH, 2 JOSEPH, 3 JEREMIAH, 4 BENJAMIN, 5 DAVID, 6 NATHANIEL, 7 DANIEL, 8 ISAAC, 9 SAMUEL, 10 JAMES, 11 CHARLOTTE, 12 MEHETABLE, 13 JOSHUA, 14 YOUNGS, 15 JOHN, 16 HANNAH, 17 GEORGE, and 18 DOROTHY.

1 ELIZABETH married Goldsmith Davis. Their records are wanting and had 1 Nancy. Her records are needed. 2 Clarissa married Merrit Learned and had 1 Joseph married Elizabeth M. Havens. 2 Jason. Their records are complete. 3 Polly married Richard Robinson. 4 Fanny married Conklin Hawkins. The records of these two families are wanting. 5 Charity married James Newton and had 1 Joel married Jeannet Davis. 2 Samuel married Eliza Sweezy. 3 Mary married Simeon H. Ritch. 4 Bryant married Harriet Looker. 5 Merrit died young. 6 Fanny married Bogart D. Norton. 7 Almy married John P. Taylor. The records of all these 6 families are wanting. 8 William. 6 Sophia married Charles A. Floyd and had 1 Edward married Maria A. Ireland. 2 Sarah. Their records are complete. 7 Luther. His records are not yet in my hands. 2 JOSEPH married Miriam Davis and had 1 Joel married Polly Hallock and had 1 Sophia, 2 Joanna, and 3 Harriet. Their records are finished. 2 Luther married 1st Catharine Moore, and 2nd Clarissa Hudson. Their records are wanting. 3 Betsey married Samuel B. Hallock and had 1 Sylvester married Frances M. Howell. 2 Hethcut. Adelia married Noah Hallock and had Adrianna, Gertrude, Emma and Samuel. The records of these families are wanting. 4 Joanna died young. 5 Isaac married Charity Yarrington. Their records are incomplete, and had 1 Joseph, 2 Alida, 3 Sophronia, who married Noah H. Jones and had Charles. Their records are complete. 4 Elizabeth, 5 Mary, 6 Almira, 7 Isaac, & Adelia, 9 Joel and 10 Ellen. 3 JEREMIAH is said to have descendants in Oswego. I have no records of him or his children.

- 4 BENJAMIN is said to have moved to the far west. I have no records of him or his children.
- 5 DAVID died young.
- 6 NATHANIEL died unmarried.
- 7 DANIEL married Charlotte Roe and had 1 Harriet married Daniel Moore and had 1 John married Elizabeth Tirpin and had Charlotte, Harriet, and Brewster. 2 Charlotte died young. 3 Daniel married Charlotte R. Barteau and had Daniel. 3 David married Hannah A. Judd and had Alice and Henry. 4 Selah, 5 Fanny. 2 Mehetable died young. 3 Emma married Joseph M. Smith, and had 1 Harriet married James Bigher and had Sarah and Mary. 2 Hetta, 3 Clarissa, 4 Charlotte, 5 Erastus. The records of these are complete. 4 Joseph married Sophia Sweezy and had 1 Julia, 2 James, 3 Jason, 4 Harriet, 5 Austin, 7 Ruth, 8 Silas, 9 Cordelia, 10 Clarissa and 11 Charles. 5 Fanny married John A. Blakelee and had Harriet, Bennet and Sarah. The records of these families are complete. 6 Hannah. 7 James married Persis C. Perse and had Lorenzo, Nancy and James. Their records are incomplete. 8 Daniel married Sarah A. Wood and had Joseph, Charlotte and Sydney. 9 Charlotte died young. 10 Alfred married Mary E. Smith and had Burrit, Lewis, Ellen, Antoinette, Willard and Merrit. 11 Benjamin married Emily H. Butler and had Clarence and Frederick.
- 8 ISAAC. He is said to reside at Wellstown, Hamilton Co. N. Y. I have written to him without success, and as yet I can present nothing of his records.
- 9 SAMUEL married Clarissa Miller and had 1 William, 2 Samuel, 3 Adeline, and 4 George, to all of whom I have written without success, and the records of parents and children are to me a blank.
- 10 JAMES married Martha Roe. This is all the information I have yet received of their records.
- 11 CHARLOTTE died unmarried.
- 12 LEHETABLE married Timothy Miller and had 1 George, # who married Eliza Leonard. 2 Nathaniel married Eliza Davis and had Charlotte and Eliza. 3 Charlotte and 4 Polly. These records are incomplete.
- 13 JOSHUA is settled in Wellstown, N. Y. I have none of his children's records.
- 14 YOUNGS and 15 JOHN died young.
- 16 HANNAH married Samuel Skidmore and had 1 William married Martha Burtis and had 1 Emeline married Daniel A. Cornell. 2 William, 3 Ann, 4 George, 5 Henry. Their records are incomplete. 2 Jehiel, 3 Sylvester married Phebe Wood and had Elizabeth, Phebe, Henry, Mariah, and Ann. 4 Luther married Esther A. Whipple and had Sarah, Eliza, George, Theodore, Emma, and Elijah. 5 Sophronia married James H. Pettit and had Chauncey, George, and Joseph. Their records are finished.
- 17 GEORGE married Prudence Ketchum (their records are wanting) and had Charlotte married Zophar B. Oakley and had Mary.
- 18 DOROTHY died young.

THE LONG ISLAND CLASS OF VAILS

I have adopted the name LONG ISLAND to distinguish this class from that of Huntington and Southold. These three classes have all their origin on Long Island. Whether they are related or not I am yet unable to decide, and must submit what I have here to present to those more capable of judging, and to work out the problem as they best can with the materials I submit, # and with the superior light which descendants on the homestead soil must be supposed to possess. I will simply state that I have not yet received such information as will enable me to join them together. I have, however, some suspicions that John,

the progenitor of the Long Island Class, is the 1st son of Moses Vail, of the Huntington Class. I submit it to the consideration of those interested in this work.

To the Rev. Thomas H. Vaill, of Westerly, Rhode Island, I am indebted for the following, and much more which the limits of this fly sheet will not admit.

I would state that the tradition appears to be universal that the old stock of Vails of this country (for there are some recent comers) are descendants of the Three Brothers, one of which settled on Long Island, and the other two at some uncertain place elsewhere; and it is also the general opinion that they came from Wales.

JOHN VAILL, the progenitor of the Long Island Class, was born in Wales, G. B., between 1660 and 1680- came to this country 1700; settled at Southold, L. I.; married, probably a Braddick or Braddock; was a weaver by trade; recollected by Christopher, his Grandson, as a very aged and honorable man; of memorable piety- very familiar with the Sacred Scriptures; and died between 1760 and 1770. He had 1 JOHN, 2 BENJAMIN, 3 PETER, 4 OBADIAH, 5 JONATHAN, 6 JEREMIAH, 7 HANNAH, 8 MARY, and 9 MARTHA AND 10 ARMITTIA, - all born at Southold.

JOHN VAILL, the first child.

1 JOHN married Abigail --- and had 1 ELIZABETH, 2 ESTHER, and 3 ELISHA.

1 ELIZABETH is said to have married a Gardiner and lived at Man-tucket. Her records and those of her descendants are not yet in my hands.

2 ESTHER is said to have married a L'Hommedieu and resided at Norwich, Conn. As yet I have not been able to discover the whereabouts of her descendants.

3 ELISHA married Rhoda Moore and had 1 William, a sailor who has never been heard from since 1800. 2 Abigail married Isaac Overton and had 1 William, who married Martha Horton, and had Franklin, who married 1st Jane Horton and had Silas, and married 2nd Eliza H. Horton. Their records are finished. 2 Julia married Silas Hulse. Their records are incomplete. 3 Laurinda married Rev. James Rawson. Their records are incomplete. 4 Silas died unmarried. 3 Mary married Zachaeus Goldsmith- their records are incomplete- and had Joseph who married --- Moore and had 1 Joseph, who married Caroline A. Moore and had Josephine and Addison. 2 Sarah married Abraham Edwards and had Oliver. 3 Helina. Their records are complete. 2 D. Addison married Catharine E. Beattie. Their records are incomplete. 4 Silas married Sophronia Goldsmith and had 1 Harriet married Benjamin Terry and had Jeremiah, Christiana, and William. 2 Mary married Gershom T. Case and had Sophronia, Addison, Charlotte and Harriet. 3 William married Caroline P. Edwards and had Charlotte, Oliver and Susan. 4 Silas married 1st Sarah I. Mather and had Sarah, and married 2nd Julia O. Hill and had Albert, Julia, and Emma. The records of all these families are finished. 5 Elizabeth is said to have married Gilbert Case, and this is all I have yet received of their records.

BENJAMIN, the second child.

He married Mary Horton and had 1 MARY, 2 MEEETABLE, 3 ANNA, 4 BETHIAH, 5 PHINEAS, 6 BENJAMIN, 7 JOSEPH, 8 JOSHUA, 9 JAMES.

1 MARY died unmarried.

2 LEHETABLE married, it is said, Henry Handy, and lived at Guilford or Wallington, Ct., and had 1 Henry, 2 Hail, and 3 Patty. This is all the account I am able to give of this family.

3 ANNA died unmarried.

4 BETHIAH married 1st --- Wiggins and had one child, and married 2nd Gilbert King. This is all I have to present concerning this family.

5 PHINEAS died unmarried.

6 BENJAMIN married Rebecca --- and had 1 Julia, and 2 Mary, both of whom are said to have died unmarried. This is all I have.

7 JOSEPH married 1st Mary Stanborough and had Julia, and married 2nd Harriet H. Thomas and had 2 Lorenzo, 3 Mary, 4 Gilbert, 5 Margaret, 6 Sarah, 7 Catharine, 8 Harriet, and 9 William. Their records are almost complete. 1 Julia married Daniel Brown and had 1 Mary, 2 Mary, 3 Daniel, 4 Sarah, 5 Sarah 11, 6 Eliza, 7 Martha, 8 Juliet, 9 Charles and 10 Joseph. 2 Mary married Timothy P. Jessup and had William, Charles, Mary, Gilbert, Harriet, and Emma. The records of these families are finished. 3 Daniel married Ann Raynor. 5 Sarah married William S. Griffin. The records of these two families are wanting. 7 Martha married Theodore H. Tuthill and had Martha. Their records are finished. 2 Lorenzo married Nancy Bishop and had George, Isaac, and Charles. 3 Mary married Jesse Canfield and had George, Lewis, and Harriet. 4 Gilbert married Mary C. Rhodes and had Francis. 5 Margaret married Charles McLane and had Catharine, Epnetus and Mary. 6 Sarah married George Colburn and had Floyd, Philander, Harriet and Decatur. The records of these families are complete.

8 JOSHUA married Sarah Vail, daughter of Jeremiah (their records are incomplete), and had 1 Anson married Miriam Davis and had 1 Mary and 2 Samuel. Their records are complete. 2 Mary. Her history has not been received.

9 JAMES married Helena Compton and had 1 Rocena, 2 Lauretta, 3 Evelina, 4 Benjamin, 5 Lucina, and 6 James. 2 Rocena married Mark Norris and had 1 Lucy married Benjamin Follet and had Alice, Lucy, Nathan, and Lyman. 2 Lyman. 2 Lauretta married Andrew Blackman. 3 Evelina married George W. Knapp, Jr., and had 1 Laura married Dr. Jefferson C. Plumb and had Hellen, Meslin and George. 2 Malvina married James H. Harback and had James. 3 Helena, 4 Andrew, 5 Rozena, 6 George, 7 Evelina. 4 Benjamin married Mary Derby and had James and Ellen. 5 Lucina unmarried. 6 James died young.

PETER, the third child.

PETER married --- ---, and had, it is said, 1 JOSHUA, 2 NATHANIEL, and 3 PETER.

1 JOSHUA is said to have married a Sattenstall, and this is all we have of their records.

2 NATHANIEL married, and this is all we can present of his history.

3 PETER married Nancy Boisseau and had Russell, who has for several years promised the history &c of his grandfather, and father and of his own family, but the mail has failed to bring it.

OBADIAH, the fourth child.

OBADIAH married Lucy Gillam and had 1 NATHANIEL (and perhaps more. Their records are wanting.) He married Elizabeth Boysena (their records are wanting) and had 1 Hannah married Matthew Ackerly. Their records are complete. 3 Gordon died unmarried. 4 Harriet unmarried.

JONATHAN, the fifth child.

He removed from Southold to Guilford Ct. There is a very creditable story told of Jonathan Vail's knocking down, at the peril of his own life, a British officer, the second in command, on board a ship of war, during the revolution. He was celebrated for his bravery and daring. Was a Presbyterian deacon, and very pious. He married Hannah Horton and had 1 JONATHAN, 2 WILLIAM, 3 SETH, 4 JOSHUA, 5 HANNAH, 6 PHEBE, 7 LYDIA, 8 HELLEN, and 9 SARAH. 1 JONATHAN married Clarissa Norton (their records are wanting) and had 1 William married Tirza Kent and had 1 Charlotte married James P. Landsdown and had Clara. Their records are complete. 2 George married Mary Langdaff. Their records are wanting. 2 Timothy married 1st Louisa Jones and had 1 John, 2 Clarissa, and 3 Elizabeth, and married 2nd Ann Eliza Watkins and had 4 Mary, 5 Ellen, and 6 Mary S. The records of all these families are wanting. 3 Seth married Sally R. Walker and had 1 Eliza and 2 William. Their records are wanting. 4 John died unmarried. 5 Elizabeth married John J. Spencer (their records are finished) and had 1 George married Mary B. Pierson. Their records are wanting. 2 Elizabeth married Owille N. Conklin and had George, Harriet, Edwin, John and George H. Their records are complete. Clarissa died young. The other eight children of Jonathan Vail, Sen., have no records in my hands. I will thank those who can to send me the address of their descendants.

JEREMIAH, the sixth child.

JEREMIAH married 1st Bethiah Tuthill and had no children, married 2nd Caroline S. Moore and had 1 JEREMIAH, 2 CHRISTOPHER, 3 DAVID, 4 GILBERT, and 5 LUCRETIA, married 3rd Sarah Haynes and had 6 NATHAN, 7 SAMUEL, and 8 SARAH. Their records are incomplete. 1 JEREMIAH married --- ---; went soon after to sea and was never after heard from. 2 CHRISTOPHER married Mary Ann Everit and had 1 Israel married Maria Rogers and had 1 Christopher, 2 Israel, and 3 Rev. Thomas married Mrs. Frances S. Vose and had Christopher, Maria, Harriet, Israel, Walter, Rogers, and Anna. These records are all complete. 2 Hannah married Col. Samuel Tyler and had 1 Christopher and 2 Richard. These records are complete. 3 DAVID was lost at sea, and his records are incomplete. 4 GILBERT died unmarried. 5 LUCRETIA died young. 6 NATHAN died at sea and unmarried. 7 SAMUEL married --- ---, and had Lucinda married Samuel H. Mosher and had 1 Eliza married George ---, and 2 Phebe married Thomas L. Rushmore. The records of all these families are still wanting. 8 SARAH married Joshua Vaill, son of Benjamin (their records are wanting), and had 1 Aaron married Miriam Davis and had Mary and Samuel. Their records are complete, and 2 Mary died unmarried.

HANNAH, the seventh child.

HANNAH is said to have married a Bush or a Boiseau and had NATHANIEL who married Ruth Booth and had 1 Electa, married Aaron Terry, of Southold, and had 2 Hannah married Moses Terry. The records of all these families are wanting. This is all we have of their history.

MARY, the eighth child.

MARY is said to have married a Mr. Prince and had ELIZABETH married a Mr. Mulford. This is all we have collected of their records.

MARTHA, the ninth child.

MARTHA married Samuel Griffin and had 1 Mary married --- ---, 2 Parnot married --- ---, 3 Jarad, and 4 Aaron married --- ---. The records of these families are wanting. This is all I can give concerning them.

ARMITTIA, the tenth child.

ARMITTIA married --- ---, and settled at Goshen, Orange County, New York, and this is all that I know yet of their history or records.

Thus I have endeavored to exhibit the present condition of the records of the descendants of these three Ancestors. I have undertaken this work without any prospect or desire of remuneration. I have to many whom I now address, written two or three times without even the acknowledgment of its receipt. With very many I have had a very pleasant, encouraging, and successful correspondence; and though now strangers to me, and I to them, except through the mail, still I hope the time may be when I may be enabled to make their personal acquaintance. The time has now arrived when I must try this last effort to induce those who have not sent me their records to do so, if not for my own gratification, still for those of their kindred, and for the sake of perfecting this work. All will see what yet remains to be accomplished, and my efforts will still be cheerfully given to labor at the compilation and correspondence if it be but seconded by those who are more deeply interested than myself. My address will remain the same, though absent, Morristown, Morris County, N. J. I would state here to those whom it may concern (for I am often asked for information), that I know of no legacy, or immense estates, or property of any kind, at home or in foreign countries, descending to any of the Vails. If there is I have not been informed.

I have given these three CLASSES in continuation that the parties of each class may become familiar with each other in the brief manner in which I have set them forth. A part of the christian name is sometimes omitted in this paper, neither are the dates given, in order to condense this statement as much as possible and answer present purposes.

1. To make known, to those who have favored me with their own records, the condition of those of their near relatives; as well as of those who may be more remotely descended from the same parent stock, that what is still wanted may be furnished me as speedily and as fully as possible.
2. That I may obtain from those who can furnish them the address of any person or the descendants of any person, mentioned in this statement, whose records are wanting. In the obtaining of such addresses, and my immediate correspondence with them, consists the secret of my success. It is my main dependence. To this is due the progress that has been made in this work. I cannot, therefore, too earnestly request those who can, to give me the full Post-Office address of all those whose records are not in my hands, and they will do me and perhaps themselves a great favor.

3. That some idea may be formed of the extent of the field in which I am working, the amount of labor required in bringing it to its present condition and that required to perfect it. You perceive the enterprize begins to assume a form and develops itself into something like order. This will continue so in just the degree in which I receive your co-operation and satisfactory answers to the requests that I have made of you. I also desire to impress you with the conviction that this work is a matter of fact, a reality, and to inspire you with the confidence in its ultimate success, a result in which you are equally interested as myself.

It would add exceedingly to the interest and value of the work if such as can would write the history and life of their parents and ancestors; brief though it may be, yet as full as possible. There will be no preservation of it, except by transient, imperfect, erring and fading tradition, unless secured in this or an equivalent mode. Your grandchildren will only recollect you in the dim mist of the obscure and forgotten past, as an ideal something that once was, but then has passed away and gone forever. as perhaps you may remember your grandparents or more remote ancestors. Having no individuality and without yime or place on the great stage of action, where the Supreme Creative Power of the Universe gave them their being, endowed with the highest order of intellectual and moral power, to exercise and develop it to its fullest perfection in contemplating the wonders of nature and of providence and neutralizing as much as may be, the evils of this sin- stricken world. Let then one generation more pass away and it will suffice to cover up, all that is now faintly remembered, in the depths of the profound abyss of silence and forgetfulness. Is it not then right and proper to take and make note of the history of those to whom we owe our being?

Next are the thirty questions previously recorded in these papers.

I have thus briefly and as distinctly as possible exhibited the present progress and condition of the Records of these Vail's descendants. This is done that those interested may use such diligence and means in their power as may put me in possession, before it is published, of such records as are needed to finish it as a whole, and make it the most perfect record of its kind ever undertaken.

I have this offer to make to all those who have, and who will furnish me with the records of their own or other families still wanting, and who prepay their postage and give me their full address, that I will as soon as the collection is finished publish it in pamphlet form, and mail to each family a copy. I have not the address of every family and I hope all will see the necessity of being assured that I have it. To a very few, to whom I have already written some three times without success, I shall not after their receipt of this, again address them, unless they reply. As soon as possible the work will be committed to the press. A limited number of extra copies ~~may be printed~~ will be printed, only sufficient to supply each family on the conditions above stated. But such a number of extra copies may be engaged as any may choose to order, to whom they will be furnished at cost.

I would remind my correspondents that the success of this enterprise is mainly due to the promptness with which they have given me the addresses of their fathers, mothers, children, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, cousins, and other relatives; and not least, the address of those who bear our name or have descended from some ancestor of the same name, but who are not known to be in any way related. Without this aid I could not have advanced a step. It is impossible for me to travel over the whole extent of the United States and the Canadas and collect these records. The work would never have been commenced, had such a labor been required. I would therefore urgently solicit of every one to give me the address now or at any time hereafter of every person who are now descendants.

I would also earnestly request that there should be furnished for the work a brief biographical sketch of the life of deceased ancestors both paternal and maternal, embracing the history of their lives, the places of their residence, and where they were buried; their religious belief, their profession or business, &c, &c. Such an account for each one will greatly relieve the monotony of names and dates and give individuality to each person.

Yours with great respect

ALFRED VAIL.

Morristown, Morris Co., N. J. Dec. 10th, 1853.

KEEP THIS PAPER.

